



Why men stay ahead

Kate Muir on how the language divide holds women back, page 17



Sports special

Thirteen pages of reports and features. Section 2



The great prize draw

21,000 tickets for the National Lottery to be won. Details and token, page 5

20P

THE TIMES



No. 65,081

MONDAY OCTOBER 10 1994

US rushing forces out to the Gulf



Preparing for war: American-made Kuwaiti tanks are lined up by maintenance crew yesterday for fueling and arming at Doha base 18 miles north of Kuwait City

'Grave error for Iraq to misjudge American power'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON AND
CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KUWAIT

AMERICA raced to deploy a huge military force in the Gulf yesterday and gave a warning to Iraq that it would pay a "horrendous price" if it launched a second invasion of Kuwait.

The Clinton Administration ordered scores of combat aircraft, thousands of men and numerous warships carrying 200 Tomahawk cruise missiles to the Gulf region as President Saddam Hussein continued to mass Iraqi forces dangerously near the Kuwaiti border.

America's top defence and national security officials spent the weekend vainly trying to decipher Saddam's intentions, and President Clinton flew back early from

Camp David last night for an urgent White House meeting. Mr Clinton declared that it would be "a grave error for Iraq to repeat the mistakes of the past, or to misjudge either American will or American power".

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said that Saddam now had more than 60,000 troops on the border, including two armoured divisions of the Republican Guard. He said that Iraq's military and its air defences had been put on full alert, as they were before the 1990 invasion, but doubted that Saddam would be ready to launch an attack before the week's end.

In Baghdad, the state-controlled media stepped up its campaign of vilification against the ruling Kuwaiti royal family described in the newspaper, *Babel*, published by

President Saddam Hussein's son Uday, as an "evil gang" deliberately killing the Iraqi people. The media repeated earlier warnings that unspecified action would be taken unless the sanctions, imposed by the United Nations four years ago, were softened.

The situation has been complicated by the arrival of several thousand stateless *bidoon* Arabs on Saturday, who began pitching tents on the Iraqi side of the border, demanding the right to return to Kuwait, from where many were driven during the Gulf War.

Kuwaiti officials insist that most of those forced out were Iraqis who had concealed their nationality to benefit from welfare provisions. The authorities believe that the situation is being manipulated by Iraq to destabilise further the



Perry: Formidable force ready to defend Kuwait

situation along the newly demarcated 150-mile border, which Baghdad refuses to recognise. Some Western diplomats fear that it might be a ploy to provide human

cover for military action.

In London Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, called on the West to remain "very clear, very calm and very firm," and said that if the allies were united the present moment of difficulty and danger would pass. He gave Saddam a warning that if Iraqi troops crossed the border again, "he will have the full weight of the alliance against him".

The captain of a British frigate, *HMS Cornwall*, which arrived in Kuwaiti waters yesterday, said her missiles had been loaded and she was minutes away from action status.

In Kuwait, military counter-measures were intensified. It was announced that the National Guard had been deployed to protect the country's vital oil installations,

and that Iraq's troop build-up had been placed under aerial surveillance.

Mr Perry said that a "formidable force" was being deployed from bases in America and Europe. However, US officials admitted that those forces alone could not turn back an invasion, but said that Baghdad would be devastated by Tomahawk missiles.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, said that the Iraqis "would pay a horrendous price if they were foolish enough to miscalculate again" and urged Saddam "in the strongest terms not to subject his people to the kind of devastation that they'd be subjected to if he undertook that kind of action".

Mr Perry declared that the outcome would be "just as certain

this time as it was the last time".

Mr Clinton received unqualified bipartisan support at home. Mr Christopher, speaking from Jerusalem at the start of a Middle East tour, said the Gulf War coalition was back together in "even stronger form". He said the UN Security Council, the Organisation of Islamic Conference, the Arab League, the Egyptians and the Syrians had all protested against the military build-up.

Mr Christopher is to visit Kuwait later this week to "provide a very strong expression of our resolve to stand with Kuwait in this uncertain situation".

Wily dictator, page 2
Gulf war lesson, page 3
Leading article, page 19

Mounted police in Bill protest battle

By CATHERINE MILTON

RIOT police were involved in running battles with protesters last night as violence broke out at the end of a London demonstration against the Criminal Justice Bill. Officers with batons and riot shields charged repeatedly into a crowd on the edge of a rally in Hyde Park after being pelted with missiles including bottles of CS gas canisters.

Eight officers were treated for the effects of gas, as well as two members of the crowd who were taken to hospital.

Mounted police were pelted with missiles again as they tried to disperse the remaining crowd up Park Lane. At least eight people were arrested.

The trouble began while

most of the demonstrators were attending a rally in the park. Several hundred had gathered round two lorries carrying music systems near Cumberland Gate, where they were dancing and whistling. One lorry moved off peacefully, but fighting broke out when the police tried to move the other.

At one point the police were outnumbered by the protesters, but within minutes they were surrounded by officers in riot gear supported by mounted police. A stand-off developed for some time before police charged into the crowd to make arrests.

Stephen Park, for the police, said: "We attempted to isolate the sound system from the people, basically so that the sound system could move off and the people could go into the park. Because of the CS gas and all the missiles being thrown, we had to deploy officers in protective clothing."

Scotland Yard said officers were attacked again last night, outside the Dorchester hotel in Park Lane.

An observer from Liberty, the civil rights organisation, said: "Police were trying to shove people into the park; that is why the trouble started. They had a very heavy-handed approach."

Protest organisers put the turnout at 100,000, although police estimated the number at 20,000. About 2,000 police officers were on duty.

The protesters are opposed to the Bill's curbs on defendants' right to silence, and of its provisions to prevent questioning, and disperse unofficial "rave" parties, festivals and gatherings of New Age Travellers.

Austrians back Right

Austria's governing coalition suffered heavy losses in yesterday's elections as the right-wing populist party of Jörg Haider made its strongest showing yet, according to exit polls.

The Social Democrats and conservative People's Party, which have ruled for the past eight years, seemed likely to maintain their coalition but are set to lose their two-thirds majority in parliament for the first time since 1945.

Herr Haider's Freedom Party dominated the lacklustre campaign with folksy drames against foreigners, corruption and party politics. Page 13

Asians found in lorry deported

An Irish lorry driver was being questioned yesterday after a police sniffer dog found 23 Asians in a lorry that arrived at Dover. Twenty-one of the men were later deported to Calais, where they will be dealt with by French officials.

Late equaliser

A goal two minutes from the end by Steven Howey saved Newcastle United's unbeaten Premiership record as they drew 1-1 with Blackburn. Alan Shearer scored from the penalty spot in the 58th minute. Page 23

Gloomy outlook

A series of business confidence surveys will add to the mounting evidence that the economic recovery is slowing. The studies will raise doubts over last month's interest rate rise. Page 44

Senior Tories support cautious line on tax cuts

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Cabinet ministers lined up to defend Kenneth Clarke's caution over tax cuts last night, as a wave of demands from the Tory right for immediate reductions in the Budget threatened to undermine efforts to maintain party unity at this week's conference in Bournemouth.

The Cabinet presented a united front — with Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, and John Redwood, the right-wing Welsh secretary, playing a prominent role — as deep Tory divisions over taxation and Europe resurfaced and hampered John Major's efforts to calm nerves after the success of Tony Blair at Blackpool. Mr Redwood even suggested that cuts in taxation could be delayed until late in the decade.

Ministers were struggling to regain the initiative after opinion polls suggested that Labour has moved ahead of the Conservatives on taxation, and a leading right-wing pressure group demanded a 2p cut in the basic rate next month and warned the Prime Minister that the Tory party was "not bruised but bleeding". At the same time, a senior backbencher told the Government that "the game is over" unless it reduces taxes to the level they were at before the last election.

The renewed Tory bickering came as party chiefs completed plans to try to raise morale this week. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is expected to announce that a green paper setting out options for

an identity card will be published shortly, as ministers try to recover the Government's reputation for competence.

Harriet Harman, the shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will stage a press conference in Bournemouth today — shortly before Jeremy Hainley, the Tory chairman, holds a similar event to launch the party conference — to highlight Tory "broken promises" on tax and seven other

tax rises in the pipeline. While Sir Edward Heath suggested yesterday that there was no point in the Tories making further promises about taxation, Mr Heseltine refused to be committed on whether the Government could cut taxes before the next election. He said that Mr Clarke, the Chancellor, was constrained to reduce taxation only if he thought it was right for the economy. In an interview on BBC 1's *Breakfast* with Frost programme, the President of the Board of Trade indicated that the Tories still intended to rely on painting Labour as the high tax party.

"I happen to think that taxation will be an issue at the next election and the Tories will win on it," Mr Heseltine said. "I have no way of knowing how the Chancellor will take what decisions between now and then, but what I know is there is no way Continued on page 4, col 3

Tory record, page 4
William Rees-Mogg and Peter Riddell, page 18
Letters, page 19

Morale sags as members slip away

By PETER RIDDELL

THE Tory party has lost two-thirds of its members in the nearly 20 years since Margaret Thatcher became party leader and it now has fewer qualified local agents than at any time since the late 1940s, according to a special investigation by *The Times*.

Constituency leaders have also been telling Conservative Central Office that they put the blame for the party's problems on the Government's performance and on an impression of greed and sleaze at the centre.

The inquiry highlights both the fall in membership and organisational weaknesses, particularly in the marginal seats which the Tories need to hold if they are to win the next general election. The findings underline the urgency of the drive for more members to be announced by Jeremy Hainley, the Tory chairman, at this week's conference.

The investigation for *The Times* has been carried out by Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, one of Britain's leading authorities on party organisation and finance, and has been supplemented by reports from key constituencies. It is based on information made available by Tory officials.

Among the key conclusions are that the Tory party now has probably fewer than 500,000 members, a sixth of the claimed peak 40 years ago, while the number of qualified agents is a low of only just over 200. Only five of the 13 most marginal Tory seats now have a professional agent.

Agenda, page 8
Riddell on Monday, page 18

RAISED IN THE HIGHLANDS



THE FAMOUS GROUSE
FINEST SCOTCH WHISKY

QUALITY IN AN AGE OF CHANGE

INDEX	
Arts	14-15
Births, marriages, deaths	20
Business	38-42, 44
Bridge	6
Chess	6-44
Education	37
Mind and Market	16
Obituaries	23-25
Sport	22-25
Weather	31
TV & Radio	43-44

Buying The Times overseas
Australia \$2.50; Belgium 8 FF 70p
Canada \$2.75; Denmark 16.00
Cyprus £1.00; Germany 16.00
France 12.00; Greece 12.00
Hong Kong \$2.50; India 12.00
Italy 12.00; Japan 12.00
Malta 4.00; Mexico 12.00
Morocco 12.00; New Zealand 12.00
Norway 12.00; Pakistan 12.00
Peru 12.00; Portugal 12.00
Singapore 12.00; South Africa 12.00
Spain 12.00; Sweden 12.00
Switzerland 12.00
Tunisia 12.00; USA \$2.00



هكذا من الأصل

Wily dictator tests West's resolve

'Reckless' gambit sows doubts over next move

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

AT FIRST glance, President Saddam Hussein appears to have made a colossal blunder. By moving troops to the Kuwaiti border on the eve of a report to the United Nations praising Baghdad's co-operation in setting up a monitoring regime of Iraqi weapons programmes, he has scuttled the chance of having sanctions lifted just as the Security Council is coming under increasing pressure to do so.

Canny, wily and manipulative, Saddam is not a man to act on impulse or to disregard the calculations of his enemies. His troop movements and the noisy demonstration on the Kuwaiti border by the stateless "bidoon" Arabs are clearly intended to provoke the very international crisis that has now blown up. Like a cunning chess player, his motives are not immediately clear: there are solid reasons, domestic and external, why he took action now. But the apparently irrational move has left many in the West and in the Gulf wrong-footed and guessing.

Frustration clearly played a part in Saddam's reasoning. The report today by Rolf

SADDAM'S TACTICS

Ekeus, head of the UN weapons inspection team, confirms that Iraq has broadly complied with all the UN demands on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction. But Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, and Nizar Hamdoun, Iraq's representative to the UN, have almost certainly reported to Baghdad their conviction that the West will probably never agree to a lifting of sanctions as long as Saddam remains in power.

The main aim of Baghdad, therefore, is to split the West



Aziz: reporting back to Saddam on sanctions

and especially to show that it can no longer count on the support of the Arab and other members of the Gulf War alliance. Saddam may have calculated that the Clinton Administration might push for a new military strike but this would be resisted by most of the former allies as long as the Iraqis do not cross the Kuwaiti frontier.

Alternatively, he may have calculated that Washington, preoccupied by Haiti and Cuba, was unwilling to make a full-scale military response and risk a new war only weeks before mid-term congressional elections where the President's erratic foreign policy is coming under increasing attack. The West's disillusion with Kuwait's failure to promote democracy since the Gulf War may appear in Baghdad to be a solid reason why even the American public may balk at a new war.

At the same time the main Arab countries of the Gulf War coalition all have good reason now for caution. Saudi Arabia is facing the need for sharp budgetary retrenchment and is smarting from the attacks by dissidents and exiles on corruption and the royal family. Egypt is worried at the growing influence of Islamic extremists who scorn Egypt's military links with America; and Syria is deliberately resisting American and Western pressure for swifter concessions in its stalled peace talks with Israel, and would not now want to be seen siding again with the West.

Domestic pressures have also prompted Saddam to act. The Iraqi economy is now showing real signs of cracking under sanctions. Rations have again been reduced; draconian measures have been invoked to combat hoarding and profiteering, including the amputations of limbs for merchants convicted of economic crimes; discontent is rising and so desperate is the plight of many that they are ready to defy the government.

The recent street demonstrations in Mosul, previously considered a bastion of support for the ruling Sunni minority, threatened to alienate from the regime formerly loyal army officers, a third of whom come from Mosul. The circle of senior figures on whom Saddam can still rely is growing ever smaller. In such situations, the classic response to domestic discontent is to manufacture an external crisis.

The weakness of Saddam's calculations, however, is that his dictatorial regime allows no room for debate or questioning. And if he miscalculates, none of his advisers have the courage to challenge his judgment. He may well believe that he has now rebuilt his army to the point where it can again be perceived as a credible threat to the West. With few diplomats abroad, he does not have the ability to see how laughable this now seems to the outside world.

US deploys troops, page 1
Leading article
and Letters, page 19



Saddam: his apparently irrational manoeuvre has left the world guessing

Hard line on oil ban led to Iraqi backlash

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IRAQ warned friendly governments in recent weeks that it intended to move its forces towards Kuwait, and expelled United Nations weapons inspectors if its latest push for an end to the crippling oil embargo ended in failure.

Diplomats said that Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, had made the Iraqi position clear in private conversations at the United Nations during a six-week mission to lobby for the lifting of the embargo.

The movement of troops coincided with the end of Mr Aziz's stay in New York on Friday, and pre-empted the UN Security Council's expected refusal next week to lift the oil sanctions in response to a positive report by the chief UN weapons inspector.

"The dog who barks does not bite," said one senior Middle East diplomat who knew of the Iraqi threats and passed them on to Western governments. He predicted Iraq would not invade Kuwait but was seeking international attention for its cause. Baghdad is trying to persuade the Security Council to lift the oil embargo imposed as part of a comprehensive trade ban after the invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq has been free for some time to make a limited oil sale of \$1.6 billion (£1 billion) to buy humanitarian supplies, but has refused to do so because of strict conditions attached by the Security Council on the use of the proceeds and distribution of the goods purchased. The UN said oil

should be sent not via the Gulf but through Turkish pipes where it can be monitored, and that 30 per cent of the proceeds should go to a compensation fund for Gulf War victims which would be monitored by UN staff.

The ceasefire terms set out in Security Council Resolution 687 make a clear and deliberate distinction between the conditions for the lifting of the ban on imports to Iraq and the removal of the ban on exports, predominantly oil.

According to paragraph 21 of the resolution, the ban on imports and related financial transactions will be lifted only "in the light of the policies and practices of the government of Iraq, including implementation of all relevant resolutions of the Security Council". But paragraph 22 sets a different standard for ending the prohibition on exports, the provisions usually described as the "oil embargo" because oil accounts for almost all of Iraq's exports.

The resolution stipulates that the oil embargo should remain in force until Iraq has co-operated with UN inspectors in eliminating weapons of

mass destruction and allowing monitoring of defence industries, as well as agreeing to creation of a compensation fund for war victims.

The ban on imports of other goods into Iraq would remain until the world was satisfied by Iraq's behaviour in other respects, such as recognising Kuwait and ending repression of the Kurds and Shi'as.

Now, Britain and the United States are insisting that the oil embargo must remain in place until Iraq has satisfied all Security Council resolutions, not merely the provisions on weapons and compensation. They demand that, before the oil embargo is lifted, Iraq must recognise the sovereignty of Kuwait and the new UN-demarcated border, cooperate in efforts to repatriate missing Kuwaitis and recover plundered Kuwaiti property, and improve its human rights record.

Before the Iraqi troop movements, Russia was pressing for the Security Council to start an automatic six-month countdown to a lifting of the oil embargo, provided that the weapons monitoring system proved effective. France also supported Baghdad's efforts to get the embargo lifted.

But Britain and the United States refuse to make any decision. They insist the council wait until the monitoring system has been running for at least six months.

Their hard line has apparently convinced Saddam, beset by economic woes and possible discontent in his army, that he should abandon the conciliatory policy of recent months. His about-face has, however, undercut the pro-Iraq lobby on the Security Council and made lifting of oil sanctions more remote.

Invasion scare tests 'two wars' doctrine

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER
IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON spends \$28 billion a year on its intelligence agencies, but nobody in the American capital could say yesterday why President Saddam Hussein was building up his forces on the Kuwaiti border.

The US military nonetheless has responded with what William Perry, the Defence Secretary, called a formidable force of warplanes, warships and troops. That raises the question whether the Pentagon can continue to underwrite one of the Bush Administration's basic doctrines, subsequently taken over by the Clinton Administration: that the US military should be strong enough to fight two regional wars at once.

It is a year since Les Aspin, then Defence Secretary, published his defence review. That embraced the "two wars" doctrine, but argued that it could be achieved despite additional budget cuts and the closure of overseas bases through, among other measures, pre-positioning more weapons and equipment abroad.

The military never accepted that argument and now its validity could soon be tested. Some Republicans argue that another conflict with Iraq could expose serious weaknesses in armed forces that are severely overstretched as a result of the Clinton Administration's defence cuts.

Even the relatively small intervention in Haiti produced a spate of stories about the

army lacking ammunition for training, and the air force having to mothball aircraft. The Republicans have made the need for a stronger military part of their mid-term election platform.

There are 20,000 American troops in Haiti being serviced by a cast of thousands in the Pentagon. American air power is being used to enforce United Nations resolutions in Bosnia. Above all, North Korea's army remains massed threateningly on its border with South Korea, which America is committed to defend. Could America fight in both Korea and the Gulf simultaneously?

Although few officials believe Saddam really intends to launch a second invasion of Kuwait, the Administration is taking no chances. Saddam has twice before launched wars, invading Iran in 1981 and Kuwait in 1990, and this latest threat had to be treated as deadly serious.

So far Mr Clinton has reacted firmly and decisively. He has backed up stern warnings to Saddam by swiftly sending thousands of troops, warships and warplanes to the Gulf.

If Saddam pulls back his forces, Mr Clinton doubtless will take some credit. If, on the other hand, Iraq decides to invade, Mr Clinton would almost certainly enjoy the same "rally-round-the-flag" support American presidents traditionally receive at times of crisis.

British frigate on standby

FROM REUTER ON BOARD
HMS CORNWALL

THE captain of this British frigate, which arrived in Kuwaiti waters yesterday, said her missiles have been loaded and she was minutes away from action status.

"We have live missiles. Launchers are ready and everything is loaded," Captain Charles Freeman said. "We are five minutes from action status."

The United States, which spearheaded the allied campaign to oust Iraqi troops in 1991, and Britain have responded to the latest moves by President Saddam Hussein by sending large reinforcements to the region. "Saddam would be crazy to try any



Lieutenant Wendy Blackaller, the public relations officer on board HMS Cornwall

thing. We are taking the situation very seriously," Captain Freeman said. "We are prepared for everything. They [the crew] are a bloody good team of 285 men and women." Asked if he expected Saddam to try to repeat his 1990

invasion, Captain Freeman replied: "I don't expect that, but I do know Saddam Hussein is unpredictable. We hope for the best and prepare for the worst."

The frigate sailed from the southern Gulf after a request

from the Kuwaiti government. She is equipped with Harpoon anti-ship missiles, SeaWolf anti-aircraft and anti-missile missiles and a Lynx helicopter armed with anti-ship missiles. The ship also has Stingray torpedoes.

Secret radio station incites mutiny

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU

INSIDE IRAQ

IRAQ'S armed forces, on which President Saddam Hussein relies to stay in power, have been seriously weakened by dissent among officers and a collapse of morale in all ranks, according to allied intelligence sources in the Gulf.

The Iraqi dictator ordered the military manoeuvres near Kuwait to occupy his potentially mutinous army. Western officials in Kuwait said. The gravity of the threat facing Saddam was highlighted by the fact that dissident

officers have set up an underground radio station called "The Iraqi Army Radio". It has told the armed forces to prepare for "the decisive battle" against the "filthiest of executioners".

Allied sources said the station was broadcasting from within Iraq and was not being run by the Iraqi opposition or army deserters as some Western press reports have said. "The radio station is very dangerous," one official said. "It shows the ability of disaffected officers

to organise within Iraq. Saddam has seen the writing on the wall."

A recent broadcast said: "The criminal tyrant has been trying to make of Iraq's army an army for himself and his treasonous family instead of making it a protective wall for the people."

Key elements within the army, including normally loyal Sunni Muslim officers, are said to be losing confidence in Saddam. Last month he visited Mosul for an emergency morale-boosting tour. The northern city was previously a loyal stronghold, providing a third of the officer corps.

First flight
of the day-U.A.

UNITED
AIRLINES

The first to JFK, every day, from London Heathrow.
Come fly the airline that's uniting the world.
Come fly the friendly skies. For reservations, see your travel agent or call United on 081 990 9900
(0800 998 555 outside London).

081 990 9900

You want a mortgage

You want a great rate

You make a phone call

Done.

By dealing direct you won't find an easier way to arrange your mortgage

0500 0500 55

Call free 0500 0500 55
YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DON'T KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT
Security over property and suitable life assurance required. Loans subject to terms. Interest payable on request. Fixed rates available.

Gulf War taught West to be alert

Allies already able to tackle Iraqis

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AFTER Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, it took the United States, Britain, France and the 27 other coalition countries five months to build up a formidable force of about 750,000 soldiers.

Today the reinforcement contingency plans, set in motion after the Gulf War, were being put into practice to ensure that any aggressive action by President Saddam Hussein's forces would be met with immediate and maximum firepower.

There are sufficient aircraft and missiles in place to cause a devastating blow to the 64,000 Iraqi troops now overlooking the border into Kuwait. American satellites and coalition reconnaissance aircraft, including RAF Tornado GR1As, have been photographing the movements of Iraqi troops for the past week. A decision was taken at the highest level, however, to make no announcement until Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, appeared at the United Nations General Assembly last Friday to attack the West over sanctions.

American forces had already been put on alert. A first detachment of 4,000 soldiers from the 24th Mechanised Division, based at Fort Stewart in Georgia, will begin arriving in Kuwait today to take command of 44 M1A1 and M1A2 Abrams tanks, 44 Bradley armoured infantry fighting vehicles and eight artillery pieces that were pre-positioned in the emirate after the Gulf War.



Lieutenant-General John Sheehan, operations director of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, briefing reporters on Iraq at the Pentagon

Mechanised Division — 15,000 men — are ready to leave for Kuwait. Two extra Patriot aircraft anti-missile batteries, consisting of 12 launches, are also on the way. The decision to move from alert status to rapid deployment came after satellite photographs showed that one of the Iraqi divisions sent to the Kuwaiti border was beginning to unpack its ammunition boxes. Although the other divisions were not following suit, it demonstrated to Washington that Saddam might seriously be contemplating another attack on Kuwait.

The most potent American forces in the area were immediately put on a war footing: the 2,000 US Marines on board four amphibious assault ships, led by USS Tripoli, were ordered up the Gulf and American nuclear submarines

armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, in range of Baghdad, were made ready to strike at the first sign of hostile action by Iraqi forces.

The Iraqi leader's intentions caused some confusion in the Pentagon. Although the most serious threat was an Iraqi seizure of Kuwait's Rumaila oilfields, the forces were not structured to mount such an attack. Saddam had sent some logistical support units with the armoured and mechanised divisions, but insufficient to launch a full-scale attack.

To counter the build-up of 64,000 Iraqi troops, backed by up to 700 T72, T62 and T55 tanks, 900 armoured personnel carriers and several artillery regiments, the United States is relying on weapon power, as opposed to manpower. Although the 4,000

men of the 24th Mechanised Division will spread out across the Kuwaiti desert and the 2,000 Marines will protect Kuwait City, the main deterrent will be the 200 aircraft and the 250 or so Tomahawk cruise missiles that will be aimed at targets in Baghdad and elsewhere in Iraq. Escorting the aircraft carrier

USS George Washington, which was yesterday on route to the Red Sea from the Adriatic, are the USS Leyte Gulf, a cruiser with 122 Tomahawk cruise missiles, and USS Hewitt, a destroyer with 72 Tomahawks. Together with the submarines already in position, they pose the biggest threat to Saddam, since the missiles would be used to hit

military facilities, many of which have been rebuilt since the Gulf War.

To back up the 200 aircraft already in the region, about 100 American aircraft in Saudi Arabia, and 57 F15s, F16s, F117s and EF111s in Turkey, the US air force is sending an additional "composite wing" to Saudi Arabia. Each wing is a self-contained unit consisting of fighters, bombers and tankers.

Another 16 vessels packed with vehicles and equipment are also on high alert for instant deployment to Kuwait. These form the US army's pre-positioned stockpile afloat: there is enough equipment for an armoured brigade and 30 days' supplies. The reserve equipment is held on board ships at Diego Garcia and Saipan.

Britain's contribution so far is limited. Apart from sending HMS Cornwall, a Type-22 frigate armed with Harpoon anti-ship missiles and Sea Wolf close-range missiles, to within two and a half miles of Kuwait City, a nuclear-powered submarine, HMS Splendid, is also understood to be on the way.

Britain also has eight Harrier GR7s at Incirlik in Turkey, and six Tornado jets in Saudi Arabia which have been carrying out combat air patrols over northern and southern Iraq since the Gulf War.

The build-up of American firepower and the contingency plans for deploying thousands more troops and aircraft — US air force fighters based in Europe are also on high alert — should present Saddam with the most compelling reason for keeping his forces on the Iraqi side of the border.

Arab world stays hostile to Saddam

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

MORE than 20 countries were members of the last military alliance against Iraq. Of those, however, fewer than half are likely to heed any new call for another military confrontation.

One deciding factor in President Saddam Hussein's calculations must be the response of his immediate neighbours and the Arab world in general. So far the response must be disheartening: the key Arab members of the former coalition have been swift to issue warnings to Baghdad.

Some countries, such as Jordan, Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, that gave him solid moral and verbal backing last time are now much more restrained.

Saudi Arabia issued a statement of support for Kuwait and called on Iraq to implement the UN Security Council resolutions which it signed. Prince Bandar, the Defence Minister, met the ambassadors of five permanent members of the Security Council, and Prince Saud, the Foreign Minister, said after meeting President Clinton in Washington that Saudi Arabia would co-operate with America to deter aggression. Egypt also promised

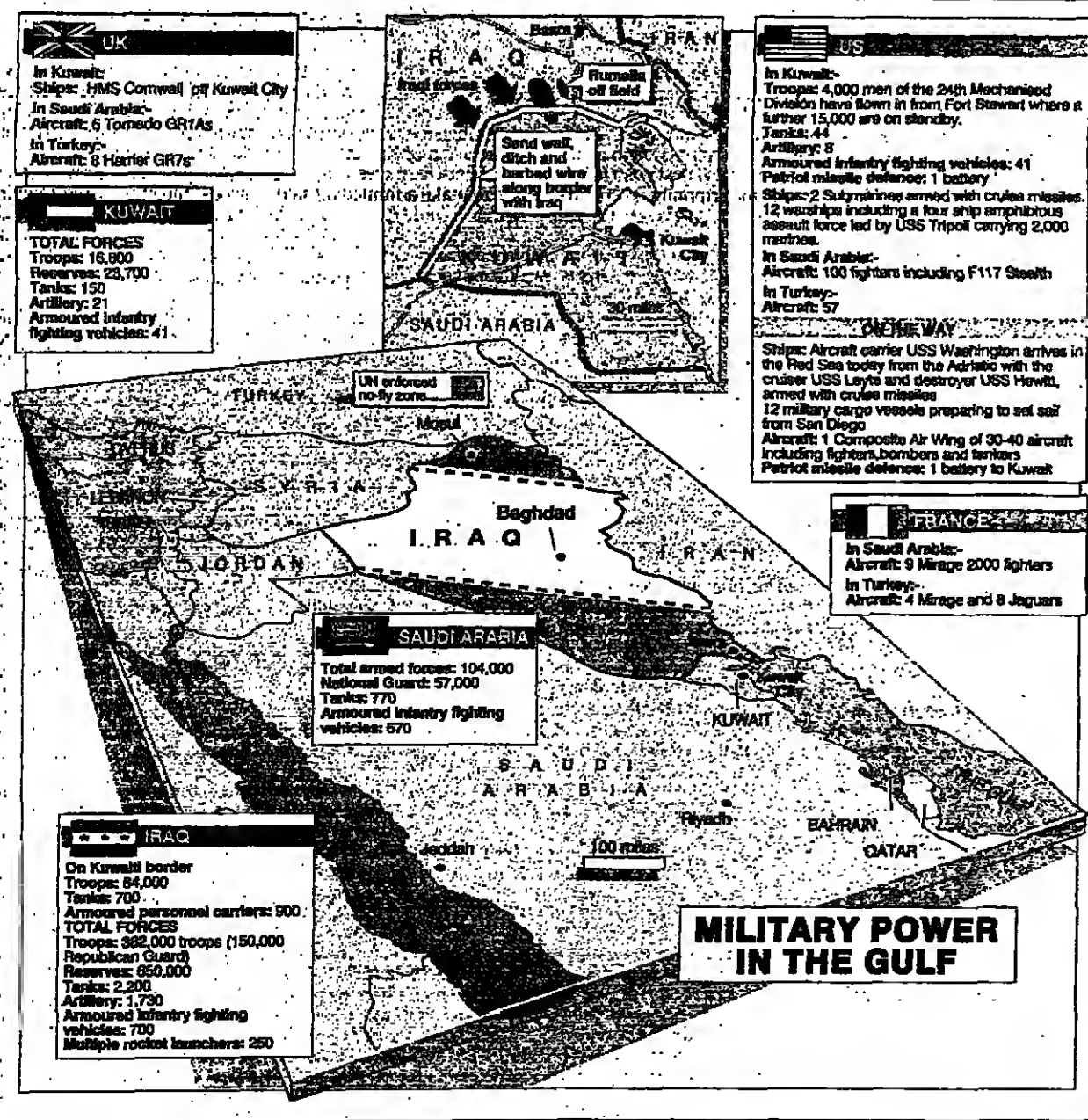
full support for Kuwait and warned Iraq to halt any action before it could raise tensions. Amr Moussa, the Foreign Minister, called the situation very dangerous and said the Iraqi move was a clear indication of miscalculations by Iraq.

Syria also expressed extreme concern and told Iraq to stop what it called "this dangerous escalation".

Jordan, where sympathy for Iraq ran high during the Gulf War, issued no official statement. But al-Dustour, a leading newspaper, said that the military movements were a "natural reaction" to American policy to prolong the sanctions. It accused Washington of deliberately trying to obstruct any hope of ending the tragedy of sanctions.

One of the most crucial reactions will be that of Turkey, a Nato member from whose Incirlik air base the monitoring operation of the exclusion zone over northern Iraq has been conducted.

The sanctions against Iraq are costing Turkey about \$1 million (£630,000) a day in lost revenue from the two closed Iraqi oil pipelines through the country, according to Tansu Ciller, the Prime Minister. There is also increasing opposition in the country to any renewal of the US mandate to use Turkish bases against Iraq.



Anxious expatriates await Bad Man's comeback

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER
IN KUWAIT CITY

THERE was a growing mood of anxiety yesterday among Kuwaitis and the emirate's thousands of expatriates, including about 3,000 European Union nationals.

Concern that Baghdad could use today's self-imposed deadline for the lifting of sanctions to invade was increased by announcements that Kuwaiti hospitals have been placed on alert and public utilities put on a war footing.

"I have told my two children that if the 'Bad Man' comes again, we will go straight across the desert to Saudi Arabia. We have a four-wheel drive vehicle filled with petrol and most of our neighbours have done the same," said Maria Harris, a British housewife from Harrow, Middlesex.

She was standing in a checkout queue pushing a trolley loaded with crates of mineral water and a sack of flour. Like everyone here, as the crisis has deepened, Mrs Harris avoided referring to President Saddam Hussein by name. In a tiny country, where a recent Danish survey found a quarter of the population still

suffering from post-traumatic stress syndrome, the Iraqi dictator dominates conversation but is usually called only "He" or "Him".

Mrs Harris, whose husband has an important financial role in the government, denied that she and other shoppers with loaded trolleys were panicking. "We are just taking the basic precautions. At least I want water in the house if there is going to be an attack. With that man, who really knows what he will do?"

As most Kuwaitis attempted to go about their daily business, aware that more than 60,000 Iraqi troops were only an hour's drive from their northern border, there were grim reminders everywhere of the 1990 invasion. Some of the buildings occupied by the Iraqis still have the crudely bricked-up gunshells from which they were going to fight the "mother of all battles". Near the Rolls-Royce showroom, a battered Iraqi tank sat on a plinth as a memorial to a war that no one has forgotten.

The government despatched thou-

sands of troops and scores of tanks to the border, which it declared a "military zone" out of bounds to journalists. Psychologically, the royal family has been boosted by post-Gulf War defence co-operation agreements with Britain, the United States, France and Russia. The

"I have told my two children that if he comes again, we will go straight across the desert to Saudi Arabia"

weekend's announcement that Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, had hastily added Kuwait to his itinerary for this week's shuttle peace mission was welcomed.

On the walls of the heavily guarded seafarers' American embassy, a huge glass picture frame has been

placed to preserve the 1991 graffiti scrawled there soon after the Iraqis were driven out: "Thanks for Bush and the American people".

Kuwait's strongman, Shaikh Saad al-Abdullah al-Sabah, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, returned two days early from a trip to Italy to rally his people. "Welcome martyrdom," he said in a fighting speech broadcast on his return. "We will pay the price, no matter what, to defend Kuwait. Iraq should understand that the Kuwaiti people — men, women, elderly and the young — have agreed one word, which is 'death' for the sake of Kuwait."

Behind the bravado, there is a realisation that, despite the pact and the military purchases, Kuwaiti forces are still dwarfed by those of a dictatorial neighbour that insists the state is not a sovereign country, but Iraq's 19th province. The heroism of the Kuwaiti underground during the seven-month occupation, especially that of women, has stiffened the backbone of a population whose search for an easy life was often

First flight of the day-U.A.

UNITED AIRLINES

The first to JFK, every day from London Heathrow. Come fly the airline that's uniting the world. Come fly the friendly skies. For reservations, see your travel agent or call United on 081 990 9900 (0800 588 555 outside London).

UA- 927825

F12296 03-01-10:01

825

UA-

SFO

LHR

Non-stop
every day-U.A.UNITED
AIRLINESUniting London and San Francisco non-stop every
day from Heathrow. Come fly the airline that's
uniting the world. Come fly the friendly skies.
For reservations, see your travel agent or call
United 00 081 990 9900 (0800 888 555 outside London).

Police arresting a demonstrator in Hyde Park, central London, yesterday after a good natured march against the Government's Criminal Justice Bill ended with running battles against police. Protest battle, page 1

Tories give activists quick guide to achievements

By PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

Heath backs Labour policies

TORY activists are to be given at-a-glance records of the party's achievements and future policies as ministers struggle to regain the Conservative reputation for competence at the annual conference opening in Bournemouth tomorrow.

After all the speeches by Cabinet ministers at the four-day gathering, representatives and media will be presented with cards listing five main achievements and five fresh policies in the departmental areas they cover.

The move has been ordered by party chiefs to make ministers concentrate on highlighting the solid advances made under 15 years of Tory Government and showing that it has not run out of steam.

The conference slogan "Britain growing stronger" has been carefully chosen by party strategists to reflect the fact that the recovery is under way.

that more people are going into higher education, more people are being treated in hospitals, and other improvements during the Conservative years.

But by delivering the message that the country is getting stronger it also recognises that individuals may not yet be feeling the benefits of the recovery. Strategists say that the party must recognise that it will take time for people to feel better off but that sooner or later the "feel-good factor" will return. The slogan will be carried on the "performance

cards" to be handed to representatives.

Ministers are unlikely to present a united front this week over how to handle the threat posed by Tony Blair. There are clear divisions over whether to attack the Labour leader personally and whether to move the party towards the Right to counter Labour's move to the centre.

Jeremy Huxley, the Conservative chairman, accused Mr Blair over the weekend of abandoning his beliefs to win power while acting as a "Trojan Horse" for a Socialist

Labour government. That was in line with the earlier aggression towards Mr Blair. Only last month, he said Mr Blair was "young, inexperienced and irresponsible", and accused him of getting all the big judgments of the first 40 years of his life wrong.

But yesterday Mr Heseltine appeared to change tack. Asked what he thought of Mr Blair's abilities, he said: "I am not making any judgment of that sort because I think to judge someone after just a few weeks in the job is a ridiculous thing to do in politics. Politics is a long race."

Instead, he sought to highlight the differences between Mr Blair and party left-wingers who indicted a defeat on the leadership over Clause Four.

Mr Blair's big idea for overhauling Britain's "sniff and snarl" tradition of public service, is to be relaunched after the Tory conference.

Ministers and officials believe that not enough credit has been given to the widespread improvements in public services in the past three years since the initiative was unveiled to a sceptical public.

Executives from some of the leading advertising agencies are being seconded to the Cabinet Office to provide the charter with a higher public profile, which has so far cost the taxpayer £10 million.

Tax cut caution, page 1
Agenda, page 8
Rees-Mogg, page 20
Peter Riddell, page 20
Letters, page 21

Ministers support Clarke

Continued from page 1
in which the Labour Party can ever appear as a low taxation party.

Mr Redwood's intervention will have pleased the Chancellor. He suggested that there could be no reductions until the economic recovery had picked up sufficiently to drive up tax revenues to cover public spending commitments. "At a certain point the Chancellor will be able to judge it is right for us to resume our normal course of cutting taxes."

Throughout the 1980s, Budget after Budget we were cutting income tax. Throughout the 1980s, Budget after Budget identified another tax we could remove altogether... It would be nice to return to those kind of policies in the mid to late 1990s... But it is vital you don't do it until you're absolutely sure expenditure is under enough control and borrowing is not too high.

The message was reinforced by Stephen Dorrell, the Nat-

ional Heritage Secretary. He said on BBC's *On the Record* programme: "The way you deliver tax cuts is by cutting spending."

Meanwhile, the Thatcherite Conservative Way Forward group said a 2p cut would be the best way of tackling the party's most serious problem - the disaffection of the middle classes.

William Rees-Mogg and Peter Riddell, page 15
Letters, page 19

Aitken's star glows as Portillo's dims

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER



Aitken: right-wing successor to Major?

RIGHT-WING groupies will again be clustering around Michael Portillo this week as the young pretender of Whitehall and he gets no public platform in Bournemouth.

But while the spotlight is trained on Mr Portillo's first speech to conference as Employment Secretary and his starring role on the fringe, another right-wing Cabinet minister will be advancing his growing claims to the crown.

Jonathan Aitken, the suave Treasury Chief Secretary, exiled by Margaret Thatcher because of his stormy relationship with her daughter Caroline, is being increasingly mentioned as a future leadership contender. Unlike Mr Portillo, Mr Aitken will re-

ceive no ovations this week. His job of trying to balance the Government's books is largely conducted in the shadows of Whitehall and he gets no public platform in Bournemouth.

Mr Aitken's following is not restricted to backbench MPs and a coterie of Thatcherites. He can count Mr Major among his fan club and some believe the Prime Minister sees Mr Aitken as the perfect foil to the leadership ambitions of Mr Portillo.

Mr Portillo's status as right-wing contender for the leadership has irritated Number 10 and a series of slip-ups has alienated some of his supporters. Even Mr Portillo's allies are beginning to see Mr Aitken as the natural right-

wing successor to Mr Major and the best man to unite the Right and centre Right of the party.

Conservative Central Office has been told by Number 10 to make the maximum use of Mr Aitken on the media and at party functions to raise his profile. It can also be fairly safely assumed that, after two years in his present job, Mr Aitken can expect a promotion to one of the top offices of state.

Other senior right-wing ministers are facing a difficult conference. Michael Howard will struggle to convince delegates that he has crime under control and Peter Lilley has to explain away continuing problems with the Child Support Agency.

Police question 'Hewitt spy'

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

SPECIAL Branch questioned a former undercover special services commando yesterday after his claim that he was part of a surveillance unit ordered to spy on Major James Hewitt's home in Devon during a visit by the Princess of Wales.

Officers went to the home of Colour Sergeant Glyn Jones, in Exmouth, Devon, after he claimed in yesterday's *News of the World* that he was ordered to film the Princess making love to Mr Hewitt in the back garden of the Hewitt family home at

Ebford in 1988. Mr Jones, who fought in the Falklands and left the Army in May last year, told the paper that he and his surveillance team were ordered to carry out the operation by a Royal Marines major.

The Ministry of Defence said it could not comment on individual operations but there is growing concern at Westminster over the role the secret services are alleged to have played in the operation. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, chairman of the Commons Select Committee on De-

fence, expressed concern at the implications of the story. He said: "If it was someone acting on their own it was grossly improper. If somebody higher up had ordered it, it would be even more worrying."

Another senior Tory backbencher, Sir Teddy Taylor, said: "It is more than worrying in a democracy if somebody has authorised the use of public funds to undertake filming in this way."

Army sources have dismissed the claims as "absolute nonsense".

Mark Thatcher inquiry urged

By ANDREW PIERCE

JOHN Major faced demands last night for a full judicial inquiry into allegations that Mark Thatcher earned £12 million from a government arms deal with Saudi Arabia which was signed by his mother.

The allegations were immediately seized on by Robin Cook, the shadow Trade Secretary, who is pressing for the publication of the minutes of an alleged meeting at Downing Street in 1984 between Baroness Thatcher, who was then Prime Minister, and a senior civil servant in which it

is claimed that she was warned about her son's involvement. The *Sunday Times* reported yesterday that Sir Clive Whitmore, then Permanent Secretary at the Defence Ministry, had met Lady Thatcher at Downing Street to deliver a warning about the affair. She was reported to have ignored the advice. The £20 billion deal was signed in 1985.

Serious advisers to Lady Thatcher at the time dismissed the allegations yesterday and cast doubt on whether the meeting ever took place. There

is no suggestion that Lady Thatcher or her son did anything illegal.

Mr Cook said: "If the meeting took place it must be minutes. It is a matter of urgency that those minutes are released into the public domain."

The *Sunday Times* claims to have transcripts of telephone conversations between members of the Saudi royal family in which Mr Thatcher's commission is discussed.

Lady Thatcher is due to attend the Conservative Party conference tomorrow.

Armed forces being cut 'far too quickly'

Britain is disarming "far too quickly" and will soon lack the resources to play a significant role in the world, a report by a defence research group says today. Calling for all further cost-cutting initiatives to be abandoned, the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies accuses the Government of abandoning its global responsibilities.

"Our forces have been cut so radically that we will be reduced in future to working with other countries - nothing can be gained by disguising this fact," the report says. Any reduction in British troop levels in Northern Ireland arising from the IRA ceasefire must also "not be an excuse for further manpower cuts". They should be used to strengthen Britain's commitments.

Christopher Coker, of the London School of Economics, and James Sheer, of Lincoln College, Oxford, say that the Royal Navy has been reduced to the lowest number of ships since the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

Ulster talks 'in months'

Dick Spring, the Irish Deputy Prime Minister, told Radio Ulster yesterday that round-table negotiations involving all the Northern Ireland parties could start "within a matter of months". He said the Irish government wanted to complete the framework documents with Britain - and that might take place by the end of this month. He rejected Unionist demands that the IRA should surrender its weapons before the ceasefire was considered permanent.

Iran in Rushdie protest

Iran, which decreed a death sentence on the author Salman Rushdie in 1989, has protested to Germany that an invitation to him to meet European Union foreign ministers was a gesture against Muslims. The official Iranian news agency said that the protest was made by Hossein Mousavian, Iran's Ambassador to Germany, who called on the EU to revise the decision which would "damage the image of Europe in the Islamic states".

Cook reassures Blair

Robin Cook has assured Tony Blair of support for his efforts to reform the Labour Party's constitution, including the removal of Clause Four. The shadow Trade Secretary voiced strong reservations when Mr Blair told him only hours before his conference speech last Tuesday of his intentions. But in conversations since, Mr Cook is reported to have praised Mr Blair's speech strongly and told him that he wants to be a part of the reform process.

Fears grow for boy

Police searching for Daniel Handley, 9, of Beckton, east London, visited car boot sales and supermarkets yesterday to try to jog the memory of shoppers who may have seen him. Detective Superintendent Ed Williams said his fears for the boy, last seen riding a bicycle near his home a week ago, were growing "with every passing hour". A police spokesman said items from his home and another address had been taken for forensic examination.

New maternity laws

Firms could face huge claims from women who say they have been discriminated against because of pregnancy with changes to the maternity laws at the end of this week. Under the provisions, a pregnant woman will have the right to return to work after 14 weeks' maternity leave even if she has been with the firm for as little as one day. Previously women had to work for two years before being entitled to statutory maternity pay, or five years if part-time.

Battle link forged

The Royal Regiment of Wales, famous for its defence of Rorke's Drift in the Zulu War of 1879, has forged a new link with the battle. Brigadier David Bromhead, appointed colonel of the regiment yesterday, is the great, great nephew of Lt Gonville Bromhead, one of seven soldiers awarded the Victoria Cross. He was portrayed by Michael Caine, right, in the 1964 film *Zulu*.



Plans for bomb church

The Friends of St Ethelburga's, the medieval church in the City of London destroyed by an IRA bomb, have appointed James Thomas of Rothermel Thomas, chartered architects and town planners, to draw up plans for the restoration of the building. The architects will submit designs to the diocese for a faithful reconstruction of the church, which was one of the few in the City to survive the Great Fire of 1666 and the Blitz of 1940.

Plea for stowaway boy

The parents of a ten-year-old boy who stowed away on a ferry to Spain, and tried to board a jumbo jet bound for Brazil, have asked for him to be locked up for his own good after he ran away three times last week. Philip Webb, 38, of Havant, Hampshire, said last night that they were pleading with the authorities to help them with their son James. "The only way to keep him safe and sound is for him to be put into secure accommodation."

Dr George Carey

A report (October 9) gave a misleading impression about the attitude of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, to homosexuality within the church. Answering a question at a press conference in Rochester, Dr Carey referred to a Church of England report *Issues in Human Sexuality* and said: "We are aware that there are many people whose sexual orientation is homosexual. But the report says that practising homosexuality is incompatible with ordained ministry and it is a very gentle, pastoral document."



Alicia McCluckie, aged three, reunited with her father, Rob, at Manchester airport yesterday after travelling to New York with her mother Faye for brain surgery

Tumour girl all smiles after life-saving operation in New York

By KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged three who underwent brain surgery in the United States returned home yesterday after doctors declared the high-risk operation a success. The surgery is unavailable in Britain.

Alicia McCluckie's parents were

told that the £35,000 operation to remove a brain tumour the size of an orange was only available in two hospitals in the world. Professor Patrick Kelly, a neurosurgeon at the New York Medical Centre who pioneered the technique, removed the tumour with lasers in a ten-hour operation almost two weeks ago.

Alicia, accompanied by her mother, was reunited with her father Rob, 42, a deputy headmaster from Poynton, Cheshire, at Manchester airport. She chattered and giggled, her shaven head wrapped in protective bandages as her mother explained the dangers of the operation. Faye McCluckie, 37, a

television producer, said: "There was nothing straight forward about it. There was a risk of paralysis on the left side and there was a risk of her not coming through it at all. The more Dr Kelly pointed out the dangers the more I realised I could be coming home alone."

The McCluckies launched an

appeal to cover the cost of the operation. An anonymous couple donated their redundancy money. The NHS met the cost of the operation through its South and East Cheshire Service. Mrs McCluckie plans to continue fundraising to help other children with similar tumours.

MP backs complaints over security risk

DVLA 'helps criminals' by giving drivers' details

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency may unwittingly be helping terrorists and criminals to select victims, according to the British Psychological Society.

Confidential information, including drivers' names and addresses, was released in 300,000 cases last year by the agency at Swansea, where details of 38 million vehicles are registered.

The society fears that rapists, burglars and terrorists may be taking note of registration plates and applying to the DVLA for personal details, pretending they need them after a road accident. The agency deals with many inquiries from motorists wanting to trace drivers or cars after a crash.

The society has complained to the agency after the address of one of its members was allegedly given to a mentally unstable criminal who then turned up at the psychologist's home near Birmingham.

A spokeswoman for the agency said last night that senior management would review security today in the wake of the complaint.

Colin Newbold, executive secretary for the society, said: "We were very alarmed and asked the DVLA to investigate. They told us the law provides for the information to be disclosed under certain circumstances and that each inquiry was vetted according to strict but confidential criteria."

The society is advising members to register their cars under a Post Office box number to reduce the risk of confidential information passing from the agency into the wrong hands.

Robin Corbett, the Labour MP for Birmingham Erdington and vice-chairman of the all-party motor industry group, said that the release of confidential information posed an "outrageous security risk". He promised to raise

the matter in Parliament and said: "This open sesame approach to revealing confidential information is very worrying and must be stopped."

"The DVLA is not in a position to vet the requests from people who are asking for confidential information. This is a huge security risk."

"This kind of thing leaves people in sensitive positions totally open to attack and anything could happen. Judges, magistrates, politicians and people in the public eye are being left in a potentially very dangerous situation."

"Anyone with a grudge can easily get people's home addresses and carry out all sorts of vindictive acts."

The system of releasing confidential information unless the agency spots something obviously suspicious about the inquiry makes it possible that rapists could use it to discover the homes of

women they notice in cars, burglars could home in on the wealthy and terrorists could plan hit-lists.

Political or environmental extremists could also use it to locate the homes of opponents once car registration numbers have been noted.

Barbara Williams, press officer for the agency, said yesterday: "We have a special fee-paying section set up to deal with these requests for information. We require valid circumstances such as hit-and-run accidents before we release information and vet inquiries very carefully, judging each case on its merits and turning down any we feel are suspicious."

"We require identification checks on the authenticity of people requesting information and err on the side of caution. Security is tighter than it was in the early days of the DVLA but senior management will be looking again at the matter."



Routley: in hospital

Runaway mother refuses to go home

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

ALISON Routley, the legal executive who disappeared for nine days, spent her 35th birthday alone in a hospital bed yesterday as her family tried to come to terms with her declared intention to cut them out of her life.

Mrs Routley is recovering in hospital in Cumbria 300 miles from her home in Chapel Leigh, Somerset, suffering from a suspected nervous breakdown. Her husband Brian, who spent the day at the family home in Chapel Leigh near Taunton, said: "It was her birthday on Sunday but I never got round to buying her anything. At least she is alive somewhere to celebrate it."

"She does not want me to know where she is, and I have to abide by that," he said. Mr Routley, an upholsterer, said their only daughter, Alexis, 11, had been told of her mother's wish not to talk to her. He said: "I don't know how she will come to terms with it but she is a tough kid."

Yesterday Mrs Routley began what she intends to be a completely new life with an assurance from detectives that she is unlikely to be prosecuted for wasting police time.

Oxford student plagiarised thesis

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION

AN OXFORD University graduate is to be stripped of his degree after an investigation found him guilty of plagiarism. The university's governing body, Congregation, will decide tomorrow how to "degrade" the unnamed student.

The university's proctors investigated after it was alleged that a member of Westminster College was awarded a Master of Theology degree based on a thesis copied from material successfully submitted by two students to two other

universities in 1984 and 1986. The University Gazette announced: "The proctors have found the allegation to be fully justified and recommend that the person should be deprived of the degree on the ground of plagiarism."

In April, a former Oxford postgraduate student was stripped of his Doctorate of Philosophy for a thesis based on previously published material on politics in Pennsylvania. His thesis has since been removed from the university's Bodleian Library.

BBC hopes for a fortune from war

By ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC is reviving two of its most successful wartime drama series, *Colditz* and *Fortunes of War*, to spearhead a marketing drive into Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

The two series will be promoted at an international television market in Cannes today in response to mushrooming demand from new cable and satellite television stations.

Susan Elkington, European sales director for BBC Worldwide, said that *Colditz* had become a cult programme since its 28 original episodes were screened in 1972. There is strong demand, particularly in Eastern Europe, from fledgling broadcasters looking for long-running series to fill schedules for months at a time, she said. "We are already having en-



David McCallum, centre, as Simon Carter in *Colditz*

ormous success with selling some of the BBC's great landmark drama series as the new channels compete with quality and quantity. It creates new opportunities for us to use our archives imaginatively."

Based on books by Major Pat Reid, *Colditz* stars Robert Wagner and David McCallum and tells the story of the escape plans of prisoners of

war held by the Germans in Colditz castle.

"We are waiting to see if it will be brought in Germany. The German market has opened up recently," Ms Elkington said.

Fortunes of War, set in Bucharest, Athens and Egypt, has grown in attraction since it was made in 1987, partly because increased political

interest in the Balkans has made it more topical, but mainly because Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson, have since become international stars.

The seven-part drama cost £7 million for seven 55-minute episodes. "The result is that it is like watching cinema film on television," Ms Elkington said.

The BBC will also use this week's programme market in Cannes to launch its new six-part dramatisation of Charles Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit*, which will be screened in Britain later this autumn.

The corporation's latest overseas drive is a direct response to government pressure for it to increase its £1.6 billion income from the annual licence fee through commercial ventures. By 2004 the BBC expects to generate about 15 per cent of its revenue in that way.

Non-stop
every day-U.A.

UNITED
AIRLINES

Uniting London and Los Angeles non-stop every day from Heathrow. Come fly the airline that's uniting the world. Come fly the friendly skies. For reservations, see your travel agent or call United on 081 990 9900 (0800 888 555 outside London).

THE TIMES Lottery Prize Draw 21,000 National Lottery tickets to be won

Tickets for the National Lottery go on sale on Monday November 14, and with a top prize of £2m expected when the first draw takes place on Saturday November 19, lottery fever is starting to grip the nation. *The Times*, in association with *The Sunday Times*, is offering readers an additional chance to become overnight millionaires with our great lottery tickets prize draw.

We're offering you the chance to win up to 10,000 lottery tickets to be purchased on your behalf. Each has a one in 54 chance of winning a prize.

Our teams of ticketbuyers will purchase 21,000 official lottery tickets on behalf of our winning readers with randomly generated numbers for entry into the November 19 prize draw.

Starting last Saturday, and continuing over four weeks, we will publish a total of 24 tokens. Collect 20 tokens and you can enter our prize draw twice. Collect all 24 from *The Times* and the 16 tokens which will appear in *The Sunday Times* and you can enter the draw four times.

FIRST PRIZE 10,000 £1 tickets
SECOND PRIZE 2,000 £1 tickets
THIRD PRIZE 1,000 £1 tickets
Ten fourth prizes of 100 £1 tickets
100 fifth prizes of 20 £1 tickets
500 runners-up prizes of 10 £1 tickets

HOW TO ENTER

To enter an individual prize draw, simply collect 10 lottery tokens from *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

The first token was printed in *The Times* last Saturday and further tokens will appear each day in *The Times* and for the next three weeks in *The Sunday Times*, giving you a total of 40 tokens and enabling you to make four individual entries in our 21,000 lottery tickets prize draw.

When you have collected 10 tokens send them on one of the official entry forms which appear in *The Times* or *The Sunday Times* to: *The Times/The Sunday Times* Lottery Prize Draw, PO Box 2746, Colchester, Essex CO1 1QU. Your entry will then be entered in the lottery prize draw. The ticket winners will be randomly selected from entries received after the closing date of Tuesday November 8, 1994, and notified by post.

Law Society conference: an appeal to enshrine one convention as detectives abandon another

Judges and peers back human rights Bill to aid speedy justice

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government will come under pressure from judges and peers to enshrine the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law when a Bill is introduced in the House of Lords later this month.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, the leading human rights lawyer and Liberal Democrat peer, is tabling the measure which he describes as a modest first step towards creating a Bill of Rights in Britain.

He said his Bill would give people a speedy remedy and quicker justice because they would not have to resort to Strasbourg, where it took several years to obtain a ruling, but could bring alleged breaches of their rights before the courts in Britain.

Senior judges including Lord Taylor of Gossforth, the Lord Chief Justice, and Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of

the Rolls, have previously come out in favour of enshrining the convention into British law. There is, however, strong government opposition.

Lord Lester told the annual Law Society conference in London on Saturday that the Bill would enable judges to interpret and apply the text of the convention in the way that they did with European Community law in the Treaty of Rome. The Bill would create "core constitutional rights" and ensure greater control over the "awesome powers" of the legislature. At present, there was no "systematic scrutiny of government measures to see if they comply with our treaty obligations under the convention".

One criticism of the proposal is that it will place judges in the position of making difficult moral decisions. Lord Lester said that already judges had to

make "awesome value judgments", such as in the case of Anthony Bland, the Hillsborough victim who was in a persistent vegetative state and died after doctors gained legal authority to stop feeding him.

The Law Lords had found it "personally agonising" to have to resolve the moral questions involved in taking away life, Lord Lester said. But at present they had to make such decisions without "any fundamental guidance of a Bill of Rights".

Sir Stephen Sedley, a High Court judge, said he hoped Lord Lester's Bill would succeed as a first step, but he strongly opposed enshrining the European Convention as it now was, "a full generation out of date".

The convention, devised in 1950, took a limited view of human rights, "based on the 19th century paradigm of the



Lord Justice Taylor, left, favours enshrining the convention into UK law, as mooted by Lord Lester

individual whose enemy is the State. I don't believe that is a workable premise."

Sir Stephen said it took no account, for example, of the right to an unpolluted environment or the right to be free from fear "engendered by hate speech". He said: "We can put into place a better human rights instrument than this and I hope we will."

Antony Whitaker, legal manager of Times Newspa-

pers, condemned the time it took to achieve rulings from Strasbourg which protected the freedom of the press in cases such as the thalidomide scandal and the *Spycatcher* memoirs.

"News, ideas and worthwhile debate are highly perishable commodities and they never matter more than when they first emerge. Nowhere is the need for a swiftly available remedy greater," he said.

Police clean up their act after Stagg case

By FRANCES GIBB

THE police are being forced to abandon traditional investigative methods in favour of a new role as "neutral gatherers of accurate and reliable fact" in the wake of cases such as that of Colin Stagg, the conference was told.

Commander Tom Williamson of Scotland Yard, one of the country's leading experts on investigative techniques, said that police were finally being forced to "clean up their act".

Cases such as the Guinness scandal, in which the prosecution was obliged to disclose vast numbers of documents to the defence, and the Stagg prosecution, abandoned out after the judge lambasted the police undercover operation to find the killer of Rachel Nickell, were bringing a "cultural revolution".

"There was enormous resistance within the police service to disclosure, not least because of the huge bureaucracy it has created," Commander Williamson said. "At

a conservative estimate it has probably added 30 per cent to the time and cost of an investigation. However, in its wake, it has brought a cultural revolution."

As a result, senior investigation officers "are increasingly identifying their role as that of gatherers of fact and collectors of evidence".

In both the Stagg case and the earlier case of Keith Hall, cleared of murdering his wife, judges ruled inadmissible taped conversations with suspects made by police in undercover operations.

Judges, and in particular the Lord Chief Justice, are determined to weed out weak cases. Commander Williamson said, "Police, as a result, were being forced away from a confession strategy towards one in which they direct their resources in a more thorough search for evidence than was previously the case".

No doubt police would still work out new ways of obtain-

ing evidence and to test the boundaries of the law, he added. But the shift would be away from a strategy focused on prosecution and confession towards "a new role as neutral gatherers of accurate and reliable information from suspects, witnesses or victims in order to discover the truth about the matters under police examination."

He questioned whether, if police investigations became more open, defence lawyers would have to change their role. "Do they have a public interest duty or only a duty to their clients?"

In the wake of the Stagg case, where a psychologist advised the woman police officer who pretended to be friend Mr Stagg, Commander Williamson said there was a need for "quality control" on psychological advice, which should be addressed by the British Psychological Society. Until it did, "quality control will continue to be done by judges".

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Staunton Memorial tournament

After four rounds of the Staunton Memorial tournament, which is being held in the Burlington Club, the grounds of Chiswick House, London, the international master Andrew Whiteley recovered from his loss in the first round to score three consecutive wins.

Latest scores

After the weekend's games in the Staunton Memorial tournament, the front-runners are international masters Demetrios Agnos and Andrew Whiteley, who continue to maintain a cracking pace. Agnos beat Richard Britton while Whiteley defeated Francis Rayner.

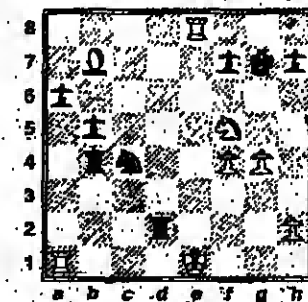
White: Andrew Whiteley

Black: Niall Carton

Staunton Memorial
October 1994

Nimzo-Indian Defence	
1 d4	e6
2 c4	Nf6
3 Nc3	Bc4
4 Qc2	Qc5
5 dxc5	Ne6
6 e3	Bxc3+
7 Qxc3	Nxc5
8 B3	Q5
9 cxd5	b6
10 b4	Ne4
11 Qc3	b5
12 a4	a6
13 Be3	exd5
14 e5	0-0
15 exd6	Re6
16 Ne2	d4
17 Rd1	Be6
18 Qc2	Ba2
19 Qa2	Re3
20 Qc2	Ra3
21 Qxd4	Qd6
22 Qd6	g6
23 Kf2	Nd2

Diagram of final position



Staunton Society

Howard Staunton (1810-1874) was Britain's greatest chessplayer of the 19th century. He has lent his name to the Staunton pattern pieces, in universal use for important chess competitions. Sadly, Staunton now lies in an unmarked grave in Kensal Green, northwest London.

The Staunton Society has recently been set up, with Nigel Short as its president, to raise funds for a fitting headstone for Staunton in Kensal Green.

To join the society, or to attend its inaugural banquet on November 1, contact Brian Clivaz, the organiser, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the Staunton Society's headquarters, 100 The Strand, London WC2 (Tel: 071 836 9112).

Winning move, page 44

THE TIMES BRIDGE

By JOHN GRAHAM

Dealer South		No score	
*K109		*A742	
*Q10983		*AQ6	
*K102		*72	
		*J922	
*Q886		*J3	
*J10852		*K72	
*64		*AKJ5	
*Q7		*A884	

This hand was played at the Acol Club in north London, a club with a famous name and the usual sprinkling of experts and duffers. South opened one no trump, and North was so impressed by his intermediates that he raised to three. West led the jack of hearts. East won with the ace and continued the suit.

South held off until the third round, of course, tried the ace of clubs (in case someone had a stiff Q-J), and was forced to resort to spades. Since he had no hope if West held the ace, he made the normal play of running the jack. This yielded ten tricks. Lucky South, you may say.

Except that isn't what happened. This particular East was a cut above average, and on the first trick he played the queen of hearts. South was

forced to win the trick — in case West had led from four or five to the A-J-10 — and his goose was cooked. He tried running diamonds, but East completed his coup by checking the ace of hearts on the third round. This put his partner in the picture. Specifically it alerted him to the need to hold on to every little heart in his hand. Declarer could do nothing but take his eight top tricks and give up.

The play of the queen of hearts in this situation is standard practice amongst experts. If partner has the king, so much the better. You cannot lose to a singleton king South, because South opened one no trump and cannot possibly have a singleton king. The logic is inescapable: Pre-empt declarer's ducking play by ducking yourself.

IT'S A HARD, RUGGED ENVIRONMENT WHERE ONLY THE FITTEST SURVIVE. PERFECT TRAINING FOR BUSINESS.

Winter hasn't yet reached the UK. But it's been raging for months in the South Atlantic. So next time you're entrenched in a corporate battle, spare a thought for the men of the Territorial Army currently deployed with the regular garrison in the Falklands. They're all fully trained Volunteers whose domestic and employment circumstances allow them to take part in a trial

of the wider use of Volunteer Reserves within the Armed Forces. This is part of a new Government Initiative designed to extend the role of the Volunteer Reserves in peacetime.

Meanwhile, forty Volunteers are spending four months facing up to the challenge of a lifetime. The teamwork, leadership and organisational skills that they gain from this experience will stay with them forever. Just the sort of qualities that every employer needs.



VOLUNTEER RESERVE FORCES

Issued by the National Employers' Liaison Committee for the Volunteer Reserve Forces, Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London, SW3 4SS. The Volunteer Reserve Forces comprise the Territorial Army and the Volunteer Reserves of the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force.

071 20 1520

ABR	CAK	ALS	ALB	ABQ	ABE	APN	AMA	ANC	ATW
ASE	ATL	AUS	BFL	BWI	BGR	BLI	BIL	BGM	BHM
BIS	BOI	BOS	BUF	BHC	BUR	BRL	BTW	CPR	CID
CHS	CRW	CLT	CHO	CYS	CGX	MDW	ORD	CIC	CVG
CLE	COD	COS	CAE	CMH	CEZ	CEC	DFW	DAY	DEN
DSM	DTW	DVL	DDC	DLH	DRO	ESC	EUG	ACV	FAI
FAR	FNN	FFM	FNL	FOD	FLL	RSW	FWA	FAT	GCK
GCC	GLD	GFK	GJT	GRI	GRR	GBD	GTF	GRB	LWB
GSO	GSP	GUC	MDT	BDL	HDN	HYS	ITO	HNL	HOU
IAH	HTS	HSV	IND	IMT	IWD	JAC	JAX	JMS	OGG
AZO	FCA	MCI	TYS	KOA	HII	TVL	LAA	LAN	LAR
LAS	BHC	LEX	LBL	LIH	LNK	LIT	LGB	ISP	LAX
SDF	LYH	MSN	MMH	MHT	MBL	MOD	MCW	MKL	MFR
MEM	MNM	MCE	MIA	MAF	MKE	MSP	MLI	MRY	MTJ
BNA	DCA	EWR	SWF	HVN	MSY	PHF	JFK	LGA	OFK
ORF	LBF	OAK	OKC	OMA	ONT	SNA	MCO	OSH	OTM
OKR	PMD	PSP	PTY	PSC	PLN	PIA	PHL	PHX	PIR
PIT	PWM	PDX	PSM	PVD	PUB	UIN	RDU	RAP	RDD
RDM	RNO	RHI	RIC	RIW	ROA	ROC	SMF	MBS	STL
SLC	SAT	SAN	SFO	SJC	SBP	SBA	SMX	STS	SRQ
CIU	SAV	MQT	SEA	SHR	SUX	FSD	SBN	SPW	GEG
SPI	SGF	SCE	SQI	SCK	SYR	TPA	TEX	TVC	TUS
TUL	EGE	IAD	ALO	CWA	PBI	HPN	ICT	AVP	WRL
YKM	YKN	YNG	YUM						

Only U.A. gives you this kind of coverage.

You want to be in ABQ (Albuquerque)? We fly there. In YNG (Youngstown, Ohio)? We fly there as well – and, through our 6 gateways, to three hundred other destinations in the U.S.A. And globally, we cover 169 airports, in 33 countries, on 5 continents. Come fly the airline that's uniting the world. Come fly the friendly skies.

For reservations, see your travel agent. Or call United on 081 990 9900 (0800 888 555 outside London).

 UNITED AIRLINES

les



its yesterday

business to fly

ifference

On the eve of their annual conference, the Conservatives face a membership crisis

Tory chiefs in danger of losing their troops

Tory Party statistics tell a dismal story of declining membership. Michael Pinto-Duschinsky looks at the future of a party which now has only one member for every three it had when Margaret Thatcher became leader 20 years ago

agenda

The campaign for new Tory Party members, to be launched at this week's party conference, will be the new chairman's only real chance before the election to halt the precipitous decline of the once-famed Conservative constituency organisation.

The party now has no more than 500,000 members: this is one sixth of the number claimed by Conservative Central Office in the 1950s. By last month, local associations were employing only 207 qualified agents, the lowest number since immediately after the Second World War. The Young Conservatives are virtually defunct. Constituency payments in 1993-94 to the Central Office slumped to below £800,000. Almost all other facts about the local organisations tell a similarly dismal story.

Analysis of the most recent figures from 250 constituencies suggests that membership fell by 15 per cent between 1992-93 and 1993-94, reducing the total to about 540,000. However, this is almost certainly an overestimate. Reported memberships are often overstated, the associations refusing to give figures that tend to be below average. The real total is probably below a half million.

Whenever it has been possible to identify members of Conservative clubs, they have not been included in these figures. Central Office estimates sometimes do include them. These clubs are usually premises licensed to sell alcohol and members sometimes pay small block subscriptions to the local association.

These statistics mean the party has only one member now for every three it had when Margaret Thatcher became party leader 20 years ago. The serious erosion under John Major is the latest stage of a much longer process.

The greatest decline has been in safe Labour-held seats, which have retained only one Conservative member for every seven in the late 1960s. Tory parties in solidly Labour seats average 200 members and many of these seats have

become no-go areas for the Tories. Constituencies such as Ogmore, Leeds West, Tyne Bridge and Salford East have 20 members or fewer, while Glasgow-Shettleston, Cumbernauld & Kilsyth, Hull West, Mansfield and Pontypridd have fewer than 50. In some, almost the only members are elderly survivors of the old days.

Many Labour-held marginals — including those lost by the Tories in 1992 — have been nearly abandoned by the Tories. In 59 seats held by Labour with majorities over the Tories of no more than 10 per cent, only seven associations had a full-time, qualified agent by March 1994. The state of party organisations is somewhat better in Tory-held marginals. Membership here averages nearly 1,000 compared with 500 in Labour-held marginals. But even in these vital seats, which the Tories must retain if they are to win the next election, Tory organisation is frequently in disarray. In Slough, where John Wans had a majority of 514 in 1992, the Tory association has 83 members and, not surprisingly, no agent.

Only five of the 13 most marginal Tory seats have a professional agent. Three quarters of the party's qualified agents are employed in the safest Tory constituencies, which tend to have the largest memberships and the most solid finances.

Falling membership has been accompanied by other problems. Defeats in local elections have decimated councillors, often the mainstay of local committees. Incoming parliamentary boundary changes will create an increased number of marginal constituencies. The changes will soon make it necessary to create new associations to match the new boundaries. In the meantime, organisations in seats such as Billericay and Croydon North-East remain in suspended animation.

What makes the prospect for the future look bleak is the decline of the Young Conservatives. Hailed in the 1950s and 1960s as the "largest political youth movement in the free world", the YCs are down to



5,000 or less. There also has been a sharp drop in the size of Conservative clubs at universities.

The situation may not be as hopeless as the figures imply. It is normal for the number of paid constituency agents to fall after a general election and to pick up again as the next one approaches. This sometimes applies to membership.

The fall in membership numbers in the 1980s was partly attributable to the computerisation of membership records and of recruitment. Until the mid 1980s, activists in branch committees normally recruited members by door-to-door canvassing and frequently accepted subscriptions of less than £1. When this procedure gave way to computer-generated membership reminders from constituency offices, the number who paid by cheque or credit card declined but the average subscription shot up.

The party still has nearly twice as many members as Labour, despite the three-fold fall in Tory membership since 1973. However, in 1973, Tory membership was nearly five times as large as Labour's.

The number of members matters much less than in the past. Some of the tasks previously carried out by party activists during campaigns can now be completed by computer instead and Central Office, aided

by some of the strongest local parties, has been successful in adapting its campaigning to take advantage of new technology.

It is commonly argued that the decline in membership is not only unimportant but inevitable. Modern social conditions make mass party membership a thing of the past. The spread of television has produced a more passive society in which fewer people join political parties and charitable bodies alike. Constituency agents also report that fewer people are willing to answer door-to-door canvassers.

In the Tory Party, there are striking differences in the number of members in neighbouring constituencies with similar social mixes. In the past year, when membership in solid Tory seats has averaged 1,500, the Conservative associations in New Forest, Stratford-on-Avon and Saffron Walden recorded memberships of more than 5,000. Beaconsfield, Horsham, Hexham and Castle Point have all reported totals of more than 4,000. Cirencester & Tewkesbury, Cambridgeshire North-East and Ryedale have claimed more than 3,000 members.

The success of the Tories' drive to increase membership will obviously

depend in part on the Government's political standing. Party strategists hope that economic recovery will make it easier to persuade lapsed members to return. But an improvement in the economy will not be enough to reverse the decline of the organisation. Equally important will be the commitment of the Prime Minister and senior political figures to the task of reconstruction.

Tory leaders have tended to avoid the grind of party management except when an election is imminent. The very period that has produced four election victories has also produced the most serious decline in party organisation. Baronesse Thatcher based her electoral strategy on a populist appeal and remained largely independent of the party machine.

The problem encountered by Mr Major in persuading any senior Cabinet member to accept the party chairmanship demonstrates the prevailing distaste for party work. Unless Mr Major shows a solid commitment to party affairs and demands the same of his colleagues, they may find they are generals with almost no troops.

Michael Pinto-Duschinsky is one of the leading authorities in Britain on party organisation and political finance.

John Major and his Cabinet face cries of greed, sleaze and incompetence from the dwindling numbers of grass-roots supporters. The task at this year's conference will be to restore confidence

John Major would be unwise to ignore the worries about government incompetence, greed and sleaze expressed by Conservative constituency leaders during the party chairman's pre-conference tour and in other soundings (Michael Pinto-Duschinsky writes).

Many local Tories place the blame for Conservative misfortunes directly on the performance of ministers (though, crucially, not on Mr Major personally). As one local chairman put it: "We can only sell a message that is worth buying."

This response is alarming because the time-honoured reaction of Tory activists to unpopularity is to attack the media and to criticise poor public relations by party headquarters. Not this time.

With a few exceptions, constituency officers speak highly of the central party machine and its area officers. They direct their fire at the political leadership and what they see as the Government's incompetence. One MP is typical when he talks of the Cabinet's "lack of competence, lack of sense of direction and lack of grip".

My survey of opinion in 50 constituencies uncovered complaints about the absence of "well-defined, workable policies", the Government's "incompetence", its failure to "get its act together", its knock of "alienating its natural supporters" and its "self-inflicted banana skins". One activist summed up thus: "Organisation is not the problem", party leaders "need to be seen to be in control".

A clear theme is concern about greed at the centre. Not many would go as far as the constituency officer for whom the Major ministry is corrupt, arrogant and intent on protecting "the rich and powerful" in finance and property. But similar feelings are expressed repeatedly in milder form.

A West Country MP explains why members of his constituency association are sensitive to the issue of probity. Most of them are "fairly, lowly-paid, respectable people", including service personnel, and they have a long-standing suspicion of "wide boys in the City of London". They are suspicious of the way their interests appear to be protected at high levels of Government.

A Midlands constituency chairman adds that the Government has alienated "almost every pro-

fessional body, usually containing a predominance of Conservative voters". Historically, Conservatives have had ambiguous views about business. The Tory objective of creating a "property-owning democracy" was to extend ownership and prosperity beyond the rich to ordinary people. Though opposed to socialism, Tories also favoured community values and, not least for reasons of political expediency, were prepared to restrain the workings of capitalism.

These trends are underlined by a survey of Conservative members, conducted in 1992 by Patrick Seyd of Sheffield University. He found that 60 per cent belonged to households with a total income of less than £20,000 a year; two-thirds of members were aged 56 and over and were concerned, therefore, not only with questions of personal safety but also with the National Health Service.

The implications are clear for Mr Major. The Tory conference will be looking for evidence that the Government has defined medium-term objectives. Moreover, some of the party faithful yearn for ideals of respectability, security and community service. Businessmen and public officials who negotiate six-figure, three-year rolling contracts for themselves, and investors who make or lose in a few days more than ordinary party members earn in years are no longer Conservative heroes. Half of all members are old-age pensioners or have taken early retirement. The key to Mrs Thatcher's political success in the 1980s was that she linked the language of free enterprise with council house sales and the sale of shares in privatised utilities; policies that helped millions of electors. In the 1990s, the Government is unlikely to gain similar dividends by creating internal markets in hospitals, schools and universities. The most obvious gains from these complex reforms appear to be a narrow group of top managers.

Not will the Government retain the confidence of supporters facing retirement if the winners from the system of personal pension schemes turn out to be commission-hungry salesmen. True Blues: The Politics of Conservative Party Membership, Patrick Seyd, Paul Whiteley and Jeremy Richardson (Oxford: Clarendon Press, November 1994)

6 A typical MP talks of the Cabinet's lack of grip

Firm leadership wins the local numbers game

By ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

IN THE heart of southern England, the constituencies of Beaconsfield and Windsor & Maidenhead should be pillars of Tory local strength and activity. But they are in a markedly different state, highlighting the difficulties the party faces even in its traditional strongholds.

Beaconsfield Conservative Association has nearly 5,000 members, manages to raise more than £120,000 a year and pays double the allotted national quota of payments to Conservative Central Office. Tim Smith, its MP and now a junior minister, had a majority of 23,597 in 1992. Beaconsfield Tories have knocked out all the Liberal councillors in the South Buckinghamshire district. They paid for the agent in neighbouring Slough

at the last election and local activists often help less fortunate constituencies.

Nearby Maidenhead & Windsor is not so fortunate. Its MP Michael Trend saw the majority reduced by nearly 5,000 to 12,928 at the last election. The party lost several seats in the local elections, membership hovers at about 1,300, and it can provide only half the national quota.

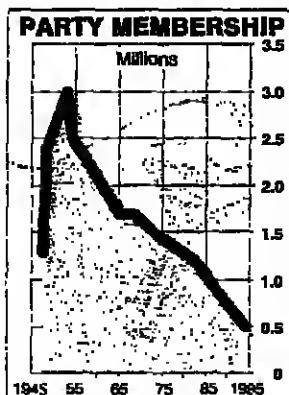
Philip Dumville, Beaconsfield's full-time agent, admits it is easier to woo a constituency devoid of "lefty, bearded teachers who can't afford the house prices", but puts most of the local successes down to firm leadership and good organisation.

"We get a lot of businessmen attracted here by the easy commuting distances to London, the green belt countryside and the convivial neighbours. But that doesn't

necessarily mean they give money. Often they are just more vocal. My job is to inspire people to enjoy getting together with like-minded friends and to have fun beating the enemy on the street," he said.

"We get people queuing up to go campaigning, they will leaflet whole areas and then they all have lunch together afterwards. There are 22 of us going to the conference, but we could have had 200."

Beaconsfield does not bother with Young Conservatives — "they are more effort than they are worth" — but the party is setting up a Twentysomething club. In the past two years membership has dropped by about 300 and annual income has gone down by about £5,000 but Mr Dumville is not panicking. "The recession bit us hard. Even though the



Mercedes dealer here is having a bumper year, people are still worrying about the economy. But I have noticed a little more optimism," he said. Windsor & Maidenhead Tories protest that they have fewer helicopters and fairs. On average each member gives £12 a year, but some give

as little as 10p and they have lost 200 members in the past three years. They have no large donations, but Central Office receives funds directly from businessmen in the area. A dinner with Lord Tebbit as guest speaker recently raised £1,300.

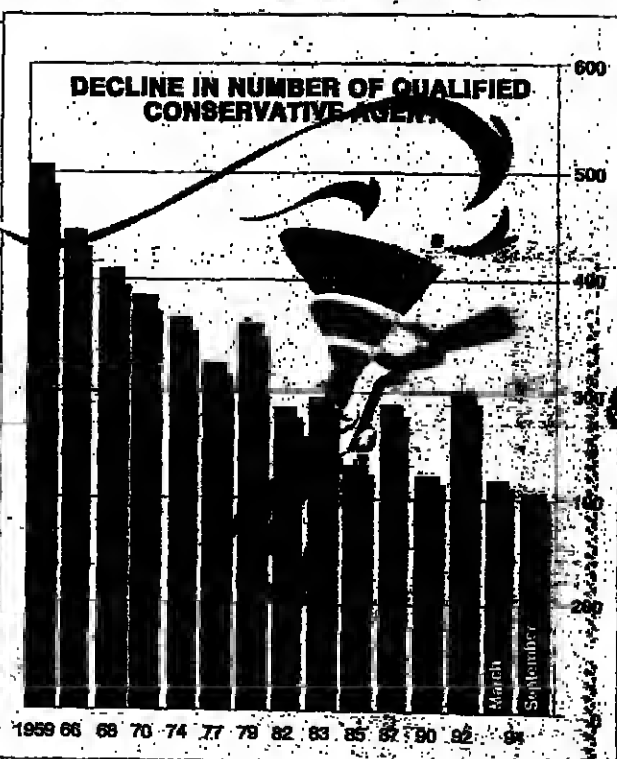
The party has no agent but Jacqueline Porter, who works part time as the party secretary, is hoping to become one. Donald Cawthorne, the chairman, remains feisty and has managed to raise the funds from £20,000 to £60,000 in three years despite membership problems.

He said: "The Labour Party is convinced that we have millionaires all chipping in, but it is mostly bring and buy sales. People here feel they have been deceived by the Government, but most are sticking by us and they all love our social activities."

Mr Cawthorne thinks they turned a corner after the local elections. "We need to get about 2,000 members and as long as Kenneth Clarke gives us some tax cuts and is tough on spending I think we might do it," he said.

The party is starting a recruitment drive this winter. "We post our magazine to every house in the constituency every quarter and we will try to knock on people's doors and ask if they want to help us."

The party also needs to find the funds for computers, an office, a secretary and an agent for the new constituency when the existing one is split in two in the forthcoming boundary changes. "Conservative Central Office think we can just wave a magic wand and split the constituency, but it will be very messy," Mr Cawthorne said.



A serious business package for £1599.* Are we serious?

At only £1599 (*excl. VAT and delivery), the Dimension XPS.P60 from Dell® is a seriously good buy for your business. This Pentium powered PC comes ready loaded with Microsoft Office Professional software and is backed up by our award winning Technical Support Hotline and our one year 'Collect and Return' warranty covering all parts and labour. It's through listening to our customers that we've built our business. If you want to get on with yours, order the XPS P60 today.



- DELL DIMENSION XPS P60 • INTEL® 60 MHz PENTIUM PROCESSOR • 8Mb RAM • 256Kb CACHE • 3.5" DISKETTE DRIVE
- 525Mb HARD DRIVE • 49 64-BIT PCI GRAPHICS CARD WITH 1Mb VIDEO MEMORY • 15" COLOUR SVGA DISPLAY
- MID-SIZED DESKTOP CHASSIS • 3 PCI AND 4 ISA EXPANSION SLOTS (1 SHARED) • MS-DOS 6.2 / MOUSE / KEYBOARD / WINDOWS FOR WORKGROUPS 3.11 • MICROSOFT OFFICE PROFESSIONAL (LOADED AND ON CD) • DOUBLE SPEED CD-ROM DRIVE

Dell is a registered trademark of the Dell Corporation, incorporated in 1984. Intel, Intel Inside, Pentium are trademarks or registered trademarks of Intel Corporation, (US 509), and Windows are trademarks of the Microsoft Corporation. Delivery is subject to £12.50 VAT per system. *Price shown is £1,599.00 (incl. VAT). Dell's 1 year warranty is limited to 1 year or 10,000 hours, whichever is less. The photograph shown may not always match the specifications at this point. Please contact your local sales representative for more information. The prices listed reflect the value shown available at the time of going to press. Prices change frequently. All prices and specifications are subject to change without prior notice or obligation.



BETWEEN 9AM & 6PM WEEKDAYS FROM 10 AM SAT

£1,599 + VAT excl. delivery

دولت در ۱۳۵۰

London another
n up the
tagg case

To the moon and back, four times a day.

The United Airlines fleet covers 2 million miles, carrying 190,000 passengers, every day of the week.
That helps to make us one of the world's biggest airlines.
But it's the fact that we go to the ends of the earth to please you that makes us the best.
Come fly the airline that's uniting the world. Come fly the friendly skies.
For reservations, see your travel agent or call United on 081 990 9900 (0800 88 555 outside London).



 **UNITED AIRLINES**

5

G
OT
rig
st
rk

s career
trol in
rs of t
eball su
ed by a
rumble
all strike
million
greed
am con
of mood
t per
s that
ums of
very
The pe
d dema
ng be
t. I do
ie risin
e are
burst
indust
not to
a c
if grow
tasis.
And
month
sted.
k at
e taki
Tel
- bu
- bre
if me
i, th
ay o
cal is
face
You
"So
tand
ultra
in
"icke
the
man
Nor
jus
cal

ment.
natch-
round
come.
ing of
career
do, his
and the
ric ad-
s in the

car ago,
at match
the first
he have
t. He has
red in the
- Friday.
e remem-
ay Colin
y came of
ass golfer.
o himself.
victory over
cabin and
ously disap-
rected on his
s week.
to be posi-
said. "Any
o I've beaten
have to be
quite happy
me into this
15th seed and
d. I didn't do
against Ernie,
y well, but I
ay from here
appy."

ir with tongue
his grayest of
ys was a quan-
from the
who has in the
out of press
n beaten, who
not a tongue-
less spectator
ing more crim-
ing his nose at
ment. Monty
4 on this day,
oderate more
may it last.

les



its yesterday

now business to fly

ifference!

Doctors told not to keep patients alive for spare organs

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TRANSPLANT surgeons were warned by the Department of Health yesterday that keeping patients alive to harvest their organs was illegal.

Tom Sackville, junior health minister, said that patients could be kept alive only when, in the opinion of doctors, there would be a benefit to them. Legal guidance on the point would be issued, he said, but some consultants had already been circulating with the legal opinion by the Royal College of Surgeons. The technique, called elective ventilation, has been used by a small number

of hospitals in only a few cases with the approval of patients' relatives. Stroke victims who cannot be saved have been moved to intensive care units to keep them alive for a few more hours to use their organs for transplant.

The hospital that pioneered the approach, the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital in Exeter, has made no secret of the policy, which has the support of transplant organisations. The policy doubled the number of organs available for transplant but was halted in May this year to

await the ruling from the Health Department.

A study of deaths in hospitals in South Wales showed that more than 100 people dying every year could have provided organs to save others if they had been put on ventilators. Artificial ventilation is necessary to prevent organs from deteriorating after brain death.

Ethical doubts about the procedure have, however, discouraged other hospitals from adopting it. Mr Sackville said that any infringement of common law by surgeons using elective ventilation had been technical and unwitting, and should be considered in the context of the enormous benefit to those patients needing transplants "whose lives have been immeasurably improved or indeed saved".

Transplant organisations may now press for a legal change. The waiting lists for transplants is lengthening. Last week the Health Department launched a computerised register and yesterday Mr Sackville said that the department would "explore every avenue to maximise the transplant programme".

David Poulter, co-chairman of the National Kidney Federation, a patients' organisation, said: "We know elective ventilation worked very well, and we are very much in favour of it, as long as proper ethical procedures are followed. We believe most emphatically that the law should be changed to allow it to continue."

The King's Fund, a medical think-tank, has called for elective ventilation to be considered. The Health Department said yesterday that it was the responsibility of doctors to decide who should be given influenza jabs, after a report in *The Sunday Times* that elderly people were being denied the jabs to hasten their deaths.

The Sunday Times reported that doctors at Knowle Hospital in Fareham, Hampshire, decided last year not to vaccinate any of the 17 long-stay mentally disturbed patients in the Botley Ward. Eight subsequently died of flu.

Letters, page 19

Market threatens London hospitals

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

BIG falls in the number of routine patients treated by London teaching hospitals are revealed in figures that show how the NHS market is threatening their future.

Some of the country's best-known medical institutions have lost up to 30 per cent of their non-urgent in-patients in a year, as outlying health authorities withdraw contracts and send their patients to cheaper, local hospitals.

The changes are putting intense pressure on the hospitals. There is a big expansion in day-case surgery and greater specialisation. A surge in emergency admissions is adding to the pressures.

A survey by *The Times* shows that Sir Bernard Tomlinson correctly forecast the withdrawal of routine patients from London hospitals in his report for the Government published two years ago, but he failed to predict the sharp rise in emergency admissions. The hospitals are operating at close to capacity despite the fall in non-urgent cases.

The Tomlinson report said a dozen institutions should close or merge with the loss of at least 2,500 beds to give those



Sir Bernard: forecast the loss of patients

that remained a chance of surviving. Guys, St Bartholomew's and the Middlesex are among those earmarked for downgrading or disposal.

The figures show that the worst-affected hospital is University College, near Tottenham Court Road in central London, which saw a 14 per cent fall in patients treated between 1992-93 and 1993-94. The hospital, which was losing £1 million a month, has closed 170 beds and gone through a "massively painful" year of change to reduce its costs, a spokesman said. This year it cut its prices by 10 per cent to attract more business.



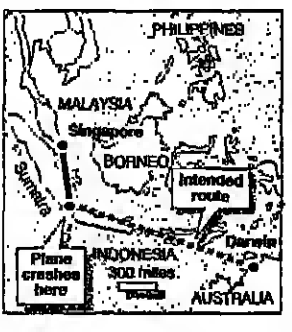
Peter McMillan, left, and Lang Kidby last month. Their plane is a replica of the one that made the first flight from England to Australia

Biplane pilots crash on beach

FROM REUTERS IN JAKARTA

FOUR airmen have been found alive after their replica biplane crash-landed on an Indonesian beach while trying to retrace the first flight from England to Australia, an Indonesian official said yesterday. A local rescue team is on its way to pick them up from the beach near Lampung, Sumatra.

The plane, a replica of the



Vickers Vimy bomber that made the historic flight in 1919, came down with engine trouble about 40 nautical miles south of Lampung. It had taken off from Singapore with only six more stops left on its 11,250-mile flight to Darwin.

Tamotomo Adi, air force director of operations and training, said that the crew of two pilots and two technicians appeared to have escaped serious injury. "The pilots managed to contact us through their radio, which was still working."

A second plane flying with the *Shell Spirit of Brooklands* Vimy flew to the scene of the crash and spotted the four, who include the pilots Peter McMillan, 35, an American, and Lang Kidby, 47, an Australian. The sec-



ond plane had already landed in Jakarta when told by the Vimy pilots about the crash. "Pilots on the second plane were told by the pilots on the ground that they were going to repair the aircraft... the repairs are expected to take four days," Mr Adi said.

The *Shell Spirit of Brooklands* Vimy is claimed to be the biggest flying copy of an

acrobatic ever built. It set off from Farnborough, Air Show on September 11 to retrace the original 28-day flight made by the brothers Ross and Keith Smith.

The Smiths also encountered difficulties in Indonesia. Ross recorded in his log that villagers in Java had to strip the bamboo roofs from their huts and lay them across a mud-clogged field

to allow the plane to take off. The Smiths' flight took them over France, Italy, Crete, Egypt, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia, India, Burma, Siam, the Federated Malay States and the Dutch East Indies. Mr McMillan and Mr Kidby are following almost the same route, although the United Nations insisted that they avoid Iraq.

Pollen, pet-hairs, dust and dust-mites... virtually nothing escapes the 8½ lb ORECK XL!

The vacuum cleaner chosen by over 50,000 hotels and more than 1 million private and professional users in the USA since we were established in 1963.

Great for allergy sufferers. ORECK's exclusive Celoc® Filtration system traps 99.4% of all microscopic irritants as small as 0.1 micron - that's 1000 times smaller than the thickness of a human hair!

● 15 days FREE home trial with credit card orders or 15 days money back guarantee with cheque orders. Use it for 15 days - you be the judge - if you don't love it you don't keep it. NO OBLIGATION.

● Interest FREE easy payment terms

● 2 Year Guarantee

● Dirt is carried up through the handle and drops into the top of the bag... yesterday's dust is not churned up causing a cloud of filthy dust

● Exclusive new Micro-sweep, vacuums bare floors super clean without hoses, attachments or adjustments

● Fast double helical brushes deliver up to 70 million brush strokes per minute to reduce your cleaning time

● Extra-long handle drops flat to go way under beds and low furniture

● Hypo-Allergenic oversized hotel-type disposable dust bag

● 12" wide cleaning head covers a wide area and leaves no centre dirt path... drive belt is sealed off at the side

Cleans bare floors too.

The ORECK XL adjusts automatically to all carpet surfaces - even to bare floor boards and requires virtually no pressure as it glides along.

Reduces Fatigue

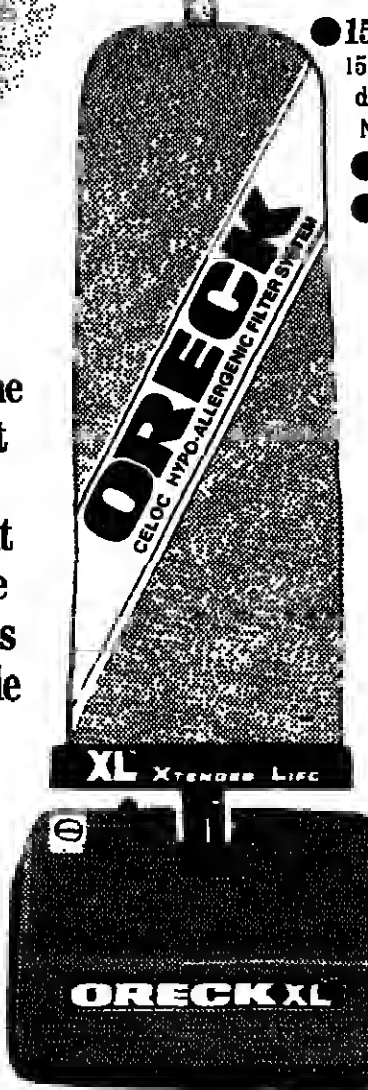
Weighing only 8½ lbs it is so quick and easy to use. The Helping Hand™ handle orthopedically designed to eliminate the gripping action for those with painful joint disorders of the hand or wrist.



FREE The Amazing Super Compact Canister Vacuum when you purchase the upright ORECK XL. It's powerful lightweight and compact - ideal for cleaning car interiors, curtains, blinds and those hard-to-reach areas.



One of the lightest most efficient full size vacuums available



CALL US FREE NOW ON 0800 676869
FOR A FREE INFORMATION PACK-NO OBLIGATION QUOTING CODE NO T773 NO SALES PERSON WILL VISIT
The supplier of this product is Salesforce Ltd, an agent for Oreck Corporation, Cowley, Bridge Rd, Exeter, Devon EX4 5BQ

THE WORLD'S EASIEST DESKTOP PUBLISHER!

ON THE WAY HOME FROM THE OFFICE

FREE

THAT'S RIGHT NANCY, PAGEPLUS INTRO IS THE EASIEST DTP TO USE... AND IT'S FREE!

SOB
BRAD, I WISH I'D NEVER WASTED MONEY ON EXPENSIVE DTP...



IF NANCY HAD KNOWN THAT SERIF'S INCREDIBLE FREE SOFTWARE OFFER HAD BEEN EXTENDED, SHE'D HAVE CALLED RIGHT AWAY AND SAVED MONEY!!!

CALL NOW FOR YOUR FREE SERIF PAGEPLUS INTRO -

0800 413444

24-Hour Toll-Free Value Line, Open 7-Days. Please Quote Code - ESTM10/10

If you don't already use Serif's PagePlus DTP, now's your chance for a limited time you can get the world's easiest Desktop Publisher FREE! The Serif Free Software Offer has been extended due to massive demand. There's 150,000 copies available, but this incredible value must end soon! PagePlus Intro is the little brother to PagePlus 3.0, our £99 power-packed rival to Aldus PageMaker. Intro is designed specifically for those new to DTP and is super-friendly and flexible. And it's built on the same foundations that have made PagePlus 3.0 an international award-winning and world-wide Best-Seller. PagePlus Intro gives you everything you need to get started FREE. Even a DTP new-comer will quickly be designing high quality, graphics-packed flyers, letterheads and newsletters and getting great results on any dot-matrix, ink-jet or laser printer in colour or black and white. And you'll find out that DTP is not just fun... What's the catch? There's no catch. PagePlus Intro is simply the easiest way to find out about DTP... Once you've used one value-packed Serif product you'll want the rest! Join our hundreds of thousands of enthusiastic Serif PagePlus customers. Call right now for your FREE PagePlus Intro!!

OFFER EXTENDED! 150,000 ADDITIONAL COPIES!

* There is a non-refundable £6.95 shipping, handling and admin charge. Please have your credit card ready: Visa, MasterCard, Access and Switch accepted. You need Windows 3.1 and 2MB RAM. Serif and PagePlus are trademarks of Serif, Inc. Aldus and PageMaker are trademarks of Aldus Corp. Other trademarks acknowledged. Please mail requests to: Serif, PO Box 15, Wokingham, RG40 2ZA. You can collect PagePlus Intro free from Serif in Wokingham or Software Workhouse in London-call for details. This offer is limited to the first 150,000 UK copies. Please allow up to 28 days for delivery. PagePlus 3.0 is £99+VAT and the Publishing Suite is £199+VAT available direct from Serif or other resellers.

البريد الإلكتروني

Swiss police are not convinced by cult claims that di Mambro died in massacre

Did the co-founder of Solar Temple fake his own death?

FROM BILL PROOST
IN GENEVA

SWISS police said they were far from convinced yesterday by claims from members of the Order of the Solar Temple cult that its co-founder was among the victims of last week's mass killing.

Six witnesses have "positively identified" one of the bodies as that of Joseph di Mambro, a 70-year-old French Canadian. His wife Jocelyne, the sect's "business manager", was also said to be among the victims.

The evidence that di Mambro was among those who died in two chalets at Les Granges-sur-Salvan in Switzerland centred on the girth of the corpse, a signet ring on its right little finger, and a copper bracelet around the left wrist.

Swiss police said: "The body they identified was very badly burnt indeed — the face no longer existed. Who is to say that di Mambro did not place the ring and the bracelet on the body after injecting the victim? Some of the cult members have a vested interest in disrupting our inquiries. So, the hunt goes on."

In another twist to the story, French police said yesterday they had received by post a package containing the passport of Joseph and Jocelyne di Mambro.

Di Mambro's 25-year-old son,



Di Mambro: warrants issued for his arrest



Tony Dutoit: found dead with his wife and child

who lives in Switzerland, has also disappeared. He reportedly told friends last week that he was "going to Italy with my dad".

Arrest warrants were issued last week for di Mambro and Luc Joutet, a 46-year-old Belgian doctor and co-founder of the order, after the killing of 48 of their followers at a farmhouse at Cheiry and two chalets at Les Granges-sur-Salvan. It has subsequently emerged that gullible cult members were duped into funding an international gun-running operation. Joutet and di Mambro are also thought to have laundered

drug money for Mafia "families". Profits from heroin deals in Canada and elsewhere were ploughed into gun-running, with huge profits then being used for legitimate business transactions.

André Pieller, the Swiss judge in charge of the investigation, said yesterday that "piles of documents" on the order's financial transactions were being examined. Promising "huge surprises to come", he said there were "extremely perplexing elements" which "we cannot understand at the moment".

More details emerged yesterday

on the execution of 23 cult followers, French, Canadian and Swiss nationals, at Cheiry near Fribourg. One victim had been shot in the head eight times at point-blank range and a plastic bag placed over her head. Two other women had also been shot many times before being hooded.

Swiss police confirmed that they were searching for a third leading member of the cult, Camille Pilet, 68, a salesman, was described as a very close associate of di Mambro and Joutet. Pilet is known to have often travelled to Panama at a time when the country was a centre for international arms dealers and drug traffickers.

In Ottawa, Pierre Tourangeau, a specialist on cult groups who had disclosed the Order of the Solar Temple's links to the arms trade and money laundering, was put under police protection yesterday after two former cult members who talked to the news media had received anonymous telephone threats to their lives.

Gill Robinson, mother of Nikki Dutoit, 30, the only British victim, believes her daughter was murdered after leaving the cult. Nikki and her Swiss husband Tony, 35, had dissociated themselves from the groups in Canada and Switzerland "when they became uneasy about the way they were developing", she said.



Nikki Dutoit with her son Christopher: both stabbed to death

NEWS IN BRIEF

Diocese forbids polished graves

The diocese of Hereford has banned polished gravestones from its churchyards. The ban, introduced by the Chancellor of the diocese, Judge Jonathan Henty, takes effect from December. The Bishop of Ludlow, the Rt Rev John Saxbee, said that polished headstones were "inappropriate given the nature and history of the churches in Hereford and Shropshire".

Fuel perk cut

Police drivers in North Yorkshire have been told that they cannot use the gift vouchers they receive when filling up with fuel. The vouchers will be used to buy items for the force, which spends £700,000 a year on fuel.

Car troubles

Almost 25 per cent of second-hand cars are sold with mechanical problems, according to an RAC survey. The main faults were with the engine (36 per cent), gearbox (16 per cent) and brakes (14 per cent).

Fatal fall

A woman died yesterday after plunging 90ft from a tower block, Christie Graham, 21, fell from a ninth-floor balcony in Nechells, Birmingham. Police said that she was trying to escape from a man wielding a knife.

Prison baby

Sylvia Panter, 27, a Wren from Camberley, Surrey, who was jailed for 18 months for deserting HMS Invincible and for theft with her married lover, has given birth to a boy at Askham Grange prison near York.

Sailor dies

Police in Shetland are investigating the death of a Russian seaman, Alexandr Moralin, a crewmember of the *Kazan*, a fishing vessel berthed in Lerwick.

'Heil Hitler' health chief refuses to quit

A HEALTH service official who said "Heil Hitler" to an elderly German psychiatric patient has written to her unreservedly apologising — but is refusing to resign.

The move by Tom Pindar, chairman of Scarborough NHS Trust in North Yorkshire, came as David Blunkett, the shadow Health Secretary, called on him to quit. The Mental Health Act Commission had ordered Mr Pindar, 66, to apologise to the 68-year-old schizophrenic after he gave her the Nazi greeting during a meeting to

discuss a possible hospital release. A spokesman for Scarborough NHS Trust said Mr Pindar had written a letter of unreserved apology to the patient but he had no intention of resigning.

"It was an off-the-cuff comment and no harm was intended, but he obviously regretted saying it. He does not feel this is a resignation issue," the spokesman said.

Mr Blunkett insisted he should step down and said: "Mr Pindar's remarks are totally unacceptable for someone in his position."

Royal claret sells for £10,840

BY JOHN SHAW

A MAGNUM of claret once held in the Queen Mother's cellar at Glamis Castle in Tayside, sold for £10,840 in a weekend auction at Sotheby's in New York.

It was a Château Lafite 1870, considered a supreme wine and one of the best of all pre-phyllloxera vintages. It went to an agent at the upper range of the £6,000-£13,000 estimate. The Queen Mother had sold 40 magnums for a total of £3,180 at Christie's in 1971.

The bottle was one of the highlights of a sale in which

wine fever hit New York. It was Sotheby's inaugural wine auction there and it took £984,211, well above the estimate, with buyers for 965 of the 1,067 lots.

The event was organised in connection with Sherry-Lehmann, a local wine specialist and at \$1.56 million the total broke the \$1 million price barrier for commercial wine sales. There were bidders from all over the world, many who had flown in for the event.

The top lot was a case of 12 Château Petrus 1961, one of

the greatest vintages, which set a new auction record of £18,790. A case of 12 Châteaux Cheval Blanc 1947 doubled its low estimate to go for £13,730 and a jeroboam of Château Mouton Rothschild 1961 was also bid well above expectations to £7,230.

Serena Sutcliffe, head of Sotheby's wine department in London, said: "Bordeaux reigns supreme in New York as it does in London. Wine lovers everywhere still wish to cellar and drink fine Bordeaux more than any other fine wine."

Falcon makes a meal of rare pink pigeon

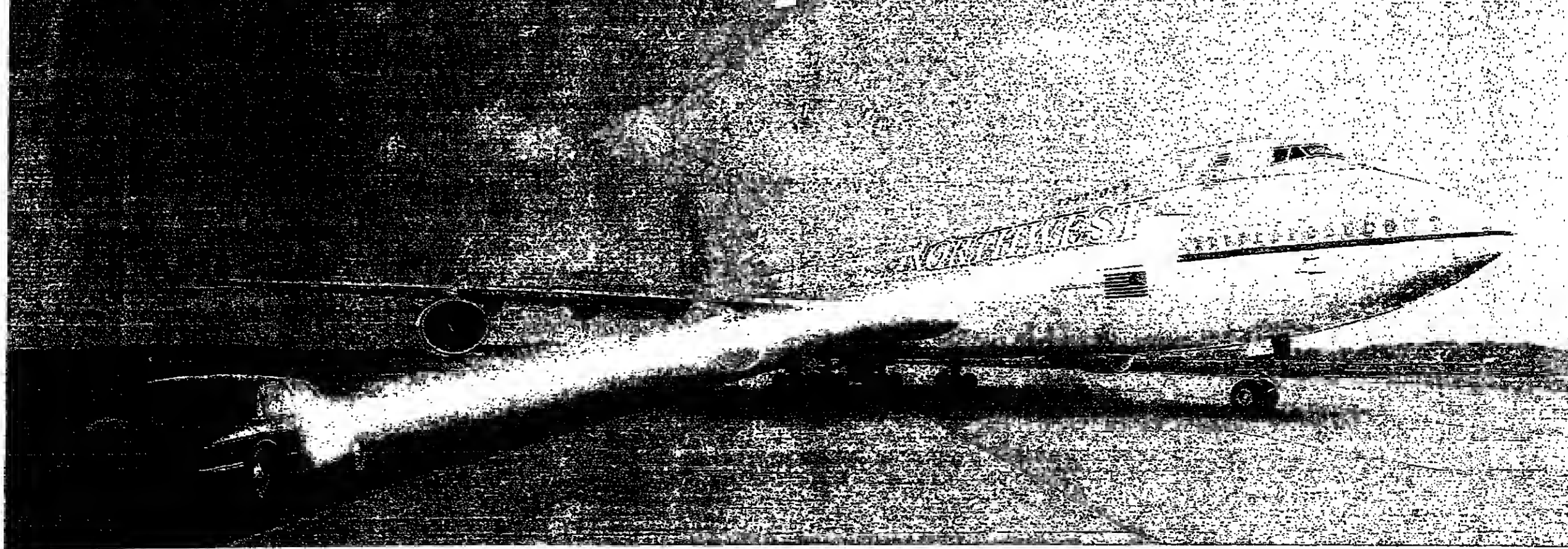
ONE of the world's rarest falcons, rescued from near-extinction by a wildlife charity, has eaten one of the world's rarest pigeons, the charity said yesterday.

The Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, founded by the zoologist and author Gerald Durrell, said the drama took place on the Ile Aux Aigrettes, off the coast of Mauritius. The falcon was a Mauritius kestrel, whose numbers in the wild 18 years ago had fallen to just four and which was the world's rarest bird. But a breeding programme has now

raised its numbers to 250. In the last 12 years, the trust also ran a breeding programme to increase the numbers of Mauritian pink pigeons, which were dying out due to deforestation and the introduction to the island of predators such as monkeys.

With numbers of the pigeons now up to 250, the trust has begun to reintroduce them to the wild and in April it released the birds on the Ile Aux Aigrettes. But as the chicks hatched, the kestrel swooped down and ate one of the young.

Kingston to Boston Beam me up, Fast Track



Next time you're flying to America on business, fly London Gatwick, the Fast Track Airport.

Here you will find Fast Track priority channels through check in, security, passports and Duty Free, open at all peak times.

To use Fast Track, all you need is a

business class or first class ticket.

By road, it's a quick drive round to the M23, with low cost parking right at the terminal.

There are over 150 flights a week to 19 cities across the USA.

No European airport has more. But then

it has been voted Best UK Airport 1994.

So, don't just fly from London Gatwick. Fly to it, and through it.

London Gatwick
THE FAST TRACK AIRPORT

For more details and a complete guide, call 0800 90 90 91

meet.
natch-
round
come.
ing of
career
do, his
and the
ric ad-
s in the

car ago,
at match
the first
he have
J. He has
ied in the
— Friday,
e remem-
ay Colin
y came of
ass golfer.
himself.
victory over
calm and
ously disap-
eeted on his
s week.

/to be posi-
said. "Any
o I've beaten
have to be
quite happy
me into this
fth seed and
d. I didn't do
gainst Ernie.
y well, but I
ay from here
appy."

ir with tongue
his grayest of
ys was a quan-
from the
who has in the
out of press
n beaten, who
but a tongue-
plest spectator
ing more exim-
ing his nose at
oment. Monty
4 on this day.
loderate more
may it last.

les



its yesterday

full business to

offer

Republicans bank on populist platform to exploit Clinton's popularity slump

Dispirited Democrats head for mid-term crash

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

■ The President has been unable to push a programme of radical change through the Democrat-controlled Congress. Election defeats next month would weaken his position further

IN THE autumn of 1992, Bill Clinton was being acclaimed as the saviour of his party, the "New Democrat" who had finally laid the ghost of Jimmy Carter and recaptured the White House after three consecutive Republican victories.

George Bush won the lowest share of the vote of any Republican presidential nominee in 38 years. The Republican Party was in a shambles. Democratic strategists were talking giddily of winning over Ross Perot's 19 million supporters to cement a new era of unbroken Democratic rule stretching well into the 21st century.

Just two years later, the picture looks utterly different. President Clinton has become one of the most unpopular presidents since polling began. One-party rule, with the Democrats controlling the Senate and the House of Representatives, has failed to produce the radical change voters demanded. Four weeks from today, barring some dramatic development such as war with Iraq, demoralised Democrats face a drubbing in the mid-term congressional elections.

The Republicans could well seize control of the Senate and could possibly capture the House for the first time since 1954. The loss of either chamber would cripple Mr Clinton's presidency. With the Republican Robert Dole as Senate majority leader, or the even more partisan Newt Gingrich as House Speaker, his chances of getting any

radical new legislation enacted during his second two years would be remote. There are also 30 governors' races on November 8. Polls suggest the Republicans could win all of America's half-dozen biggest states. This would further erode Mr Clinton's 1996 re-election chances because in presidential poll years governors can swing powerful state-wide organisations behind

seats in mid-term elections, but the auguries for the Republicans this year could hardly be better. Mr Clinton is a huge drag on his party's candidates, particularly in the conservative South where he is widely seen as a liberal who won office by masquerading as a moderate. Since his inauguration the Democrats have not won a single major election. The

York's Governor, face defeat, while voters are rallying behind candidates such as Marion Barry in Washington DC, or Virginia's Oliver North, both of whom have criminal convictions.

Mr Clinton is receiving no credit for America's resurgent economy. The Republicans should be further helped by boundary changes. Mr Perot's support, and the fact that those who hate Mr Clinton are far more motivated than his dispirited supporters.

The Grand Old Party has done little to deserve all this good fortune. Its greatest achievement has been to block much of Mr Clinton's legislative agenda, most notably healthcare reform, leaving Democrats only a meagre record of accomplishment on which to run. They had pursued a strategy of "stop it, slow it, kill it or just talk it to death". Mr Clinton complained bitterly last week.

Republican candidates have themselves united behind a shamelessly populist platform of warmed-over Reaganesque gimmicks such as tax cuts, smaller government, stronger defence and a constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget. Such is the Republicans' lust for victory that party leaders, abandoning their scruples, are now rushing to campaign for the infamous Mr North because he could well defeat Charles Robb, Virginia's incumbent Democratic senator.

Polls show Republicans level or ahead in as many as 12 Democratic Senate seats. Besides Mr Robb and Edward Kennedy, the Republicans' other main target is California's Dianne Feinstein, whose opponents

Michael Huffington, is spending up to \$20 million (£13 million) of his own money trying to defeat her. California also has the most

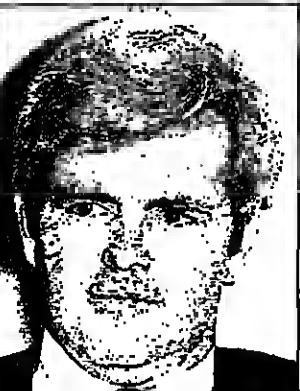
Threat to Joseph Kennedy

Denver: A woman obsessed with Joseph Kennedy, a congressman and son of the late Robert Kennedy, threatened to kill him after he ignored 16 passionate letters she wrote to him, a Colorado court was told. Melissa Keely, 27, admitted making the threats, saying she had fallen in love with Mr Kennedy, 42, when she lived in Boston. (AFP)

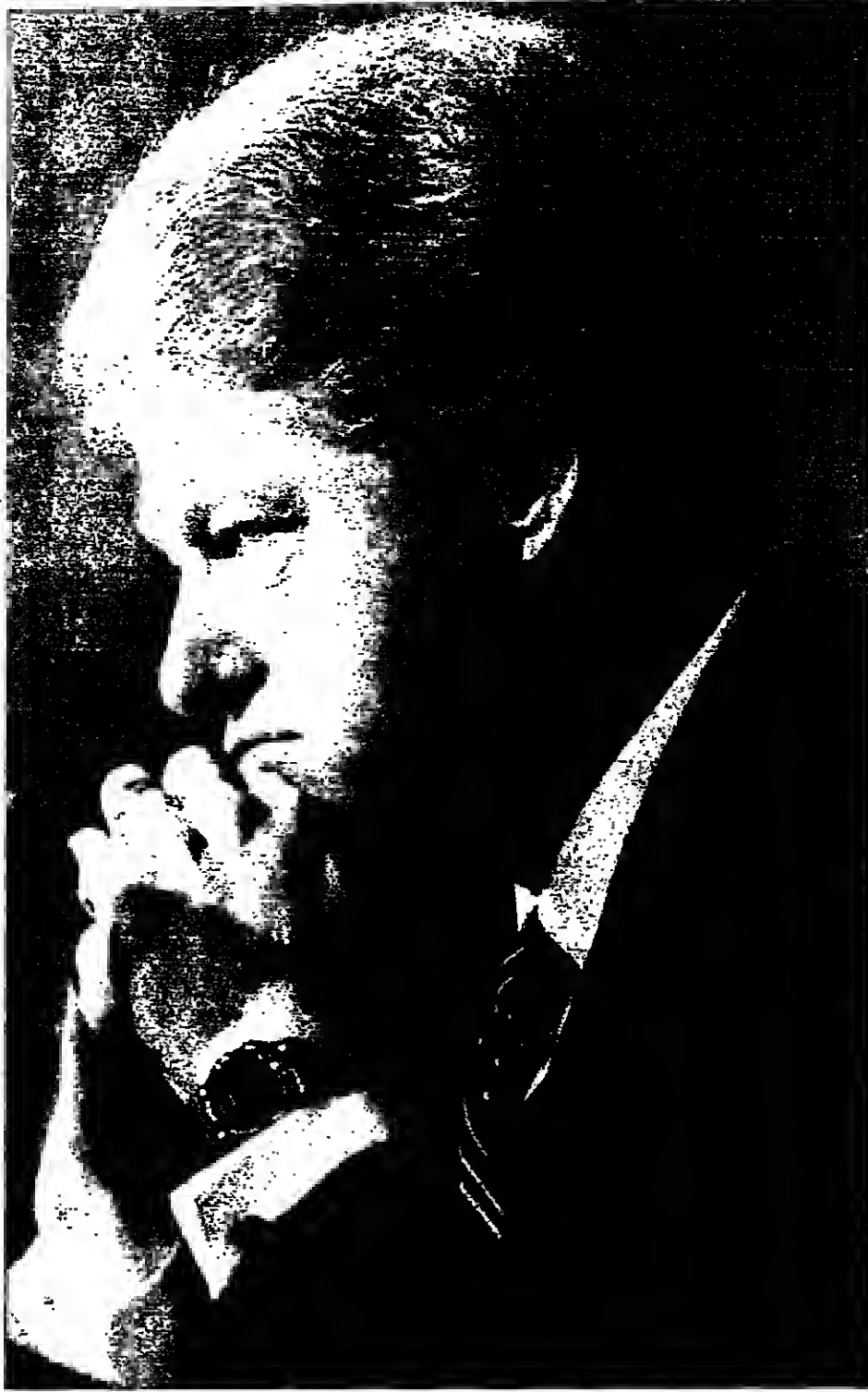
their party's nominee. There are 35 Senate races, and Republicans need to gain seven of the 22 seats the Democrats are defending. All 435 House seats are being contested, and the Republicans need to capture 40 of the 256 presently held by Democrats.

Since the Second World War, the opposition party has enjoyed an average gain of four Senate and 26 House

Republicans should benefit from America's profound hostility towards Washington's political establishment which the Democrats, as the party of government, can no longer dissociate themselves from. Indeed the public mood is so sour that even such luminaries as Tom Foley, the House Speaker, Senator Edward Kennedy, of Massachusetts, and Mario Cuomo, New



Looking for a Republican resurgence: Robert Dole, left, the party's leader in the Senate. Newt Gingrich, a would-be House Speaker, and Pete Wilson, Governor of California



Hailed as his party's saviour two years ago, President Clinton has become a liability

important governor's race. Pete Wilson, the Republican incumbent, has fought back from a seemingly hopeless position against Kathleen Brown, daughter and sister of former governors, and will be a strong contender for the Republicans' 1996 presidential election if he wins.

The Republicans have high hopes of snatching the second, third and fourth largest states too. George W. Bush and Job Bush, sons of the former

President, are well placed to defeat Ann Richards and Lawton Chiles in Texas and Florida, while Mr Cuomo is trailing his Republican challenger, George Pataki, in New York.

However, not all analysts believe losing Congress would be a disaster for Mr Clinton. A few argue that the President could make a Republican-controlled Congress the scapegoat for America's problems in 1996. Harry Truman saw

the Republicans capture both houses in 1946, but scraped home in 1948 by campaigning against a "good-for-nothing, do-nothing Congress".

Indeed, these analysts believe the worst outcome would be for the Democrats narrowly to hold both houses. The Republicans could then enjoy effective control by making common cause with conservative Democrats, but receive none of the opprobrium for the ensuing gridlock.

Haitian leaders 'to quit today'

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

THE Haitian military leader, Lieutenant-General Raoul Cédras, and Brigadier-General Philippe Biamby, the army chief of staff, were said yesterday to be preparing to resign today.

The reports cited Haitian military sources and followed two sets of secretive talks on Saturday. General Cédras met William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, and John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in Port-au-Prince, and five Haitian military emissaries met Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled President in Washington. The Clinton Administration, declined to confirm the resignation reports.

General Cédras and General Biamby must step down by Saturday in order to comply with the agreement brokered by Jimmy Carter, the former US President, but their precarious position may have prompted the two men to leave earlier. Thousands of Aristide supporters surrounded their headquarters last Friday and the Haitian parliament refused to grant them a comprehensive amnesty. "He's probably losing it," Lieutenant-General Hugh Shelton, the commander of American forces in Haiti, said of General Cédras.

If the head of the junta does resign today, he would be replaced by Brigadier-General Jean-Claude Duvivier, his nominal second-in-command. Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Michel François, the Haiti police chief, has already fled to the Dominican Republic, but it is not yet clear whether his colleagues in the junta will also choose to leave the country.

Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, said yesterday that he could not confirm the reports "at this point". Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said that General Cédras "clearly will be gone by next Saturday".

Mr Aristide is due to return to Haiti on Saturday after more than three years in exile, and Mr Christopher said he was confident that would now happen. "The transition is moving rapidly. Indeed, it's picking up pace," he said.

Hutus killed patients in mental hospital

FROM REUTERS IN KIGALI

HUTU soldiers and death squads killed almost all the 750 mentally handicapped patients in Rwanda's main psychiatric hospital last April, aid workers said. The massacre took place after the assassination of President Habyarimana plunged the country into an orgy of

bloodshed, which continued until the government was overthrown in July. Details of the massacre are coming to light only now. José Anselmino, of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said. "The patients did not understand what was happening. They started to wander around, singing with their hands in the air." Marianne Nujawayezi, a hospital assistant said,

Little is now left of the Ndera Psychiatric Centre, eight miles from Kigali, which had been run by the Belgian religious order Frères de la Charité.

Miss Nujawayezi said the hospital was besieged for four days after the Belgian priests were evacuated. Soldiers and death squads "fired at the hospital from outside and threw grenades over the walls into the courtyard", she said.

Colony's festivities stir anger in Peking

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE latest squabble between Britain and China over Hong Kong concerns what Chinese everywhere call Double Ten (October 10), when celebrations are held to mark the establishment in 1911 of the Republic of China.

Sir Len Appleby, Britain's Ambassador to China, has been summoned to the Foreign Ministry to listen to a denunciation of the Hong Kong government's permission for a Taiwan-oriented cultural association here to hold a Double Ten celebration in the colony's cultural centre.

Peking accuses Britain of violating its "one China" policy by issuing the licence. Sir Len has said that the group holding the celebration is legally constituted, and granting it a licence is unconnected to British foreign policy. But over the weekend, Lu Ping, China's most senior official with responsibility for Hong Kong, said that the permission was "a provocation... and will definitely affect relations".

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, bluntly reminded Peking last week that the organisation holding the celebration is legal. While criticising Britain for permitting the Double Ten celebrations, Mr Lu also called on Hong Kong to re-open the bidding for building the new container terminal. China says that Jardines, the leading contractor, received approval because of its political support for Mr Patten.

Language riots cost 22 lives

DELHI: The south Indian city of Bangalore has been torn by language riots that claimed 22 lives. Much of the city has been under a shoot-on-sight curfew since Friday (Christopher Thomas writes).

The violence was triggered by the introduction of a ten-minute Urdu-language news bulletin each evening on local broadcasts of Doordarshan, the government-controlled television station. Urdu, almost identical in its spoken form to Hindi, is perceived as the language of Muslims. Hindu activists yesterday called off the campaign after the Urdu broadcast stopped.

Japan tremor

Tokyo: A powerful underwater aftershock — 7.3 on the Richter scale — in the area of northern Japan damaged by last week's earthquake caused brief panic and tidal wave warnings. (Reuters)

CIA cash claim

New York: The CIA supported the Liberal Democratic Party, which dominated Japanese politics, with millions of dollars in a covert Cold War operation during the 1950s and 1960s. The New York Times reported. (Reuters)

Power project

Tokyo: Rolls-Royce will take part with Westinghouse Electric of the US and Canada's Hydro Quebec in a £2 billion Japanese project for generating electricity with hydrogen power by 2020. (AFP)

Town Planners followed by A night on the Town.

Where better to successfully mix business with pleasure than the International Convention Centre? Offering every conceivable facility for meetings and conferences, it's also central to a whole spectrum of diversions and delights.

The city centre itself is a positive mecca of fun and entertainment. There are cinemas, theatres, jazz clubs — pubs, bars and night clubs — restaurants offering everything from fast foods to full à la carte. Plenty of choice for visitors of all ages and interests.

Enough indeed, to encourage delegates at a recent Town Planning conference to make an immediate decision to paint the town red.

International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham B1 2EA Telephone: 021-206 2000. Fax: 021-643 0389.



Join Mercury, and our up-to-the-minute Bonus Call Plan will work out which are your most expensive calls, all by itself. Then it will give you extra volume discounts. And we beat BT's equivalent offer on long distance calls everytime. You don't have to move any part of your person. FreeCall 0500 700 100, 24 hours. Ref. TIM 10/10



BANG UP TO DATE.

*Mercury call charges are calculated on a pence per minute basis. BT call charges are calculated on units. The savings quoted are for long distance calls against Mercury Communications Ltd base price and are correct for June '94.



مركز الاتصالات



■ OPERA

Expect the unexpected when Covent Garden launches its new Ring with John Tomlinson as Wotan. **FIRST NIGHT:** Thursday. **REVIEW:** Saturday



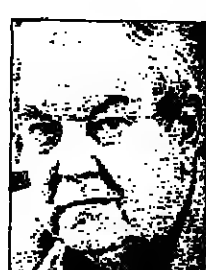
■ MUSIC

England's 'Orpheus', Henry Purcell, is celebrated as the Wigmore Hall begins a tercentenary festival. **CONCERT:** Thursday. **REVIEW:** Monday



■ FILM

Terence Stamp dons the lipstick to portray a drag-queen crossing the outback in *The Adventures of Priscilla*. **RELEASED:** Friday. **REVIEW:** Thursday



■ BOOKS

George MacDonald Fraser sends ever-ready Harry Flashman to the American Civil War in his new adventure yarn. **IN THE SHOPS:** Now. **REVIEW:** Saturday

ARTS
TUESDAY TO
FRIDAY
IN SECTION 2

Lights, camera, action!

Franco Zeffirelli is mixing his stage and film work with a new political career. So far, it's been trouble all the way, as Michael Church discovers

The recent BBC2 *Late Show* on Silvio Berlusconi was a model of its kind — a politically correct, and very persuasive, hatchet-job on an easy target. The Italian prime minister was, it declared, practically a media Mussolini.

Advance this thesis in the *Evening Eye* office at Ealing Studios, however, and the subject might be heard in White City. "That programme was a terrible slander," barks the director Franco Zeffirelli, who happens to be one of Berlusconi's new senators.

The BBC started with their vision, and selected opinions to confirm it. Does Berlusconi not embody a classic conflict of interests? "You give too much importance to that. And God knows, you in Britain have political tycoons who control the media. But Berlusconi's first act in power was to castrate the state-

broadcasting stations. RAI is now for information, RAI 2 for great debates and interviews, and RAI 3 is cultural and creative. So we now have the same sort of balance you have in Britain. Of course, Silvio still has his own TV stations, but his behaviour towards RAI was very, very correct."

What about his muzzling of the magistrature? "They had become a government within the government, taking over the role of parliament. And they had the press on their side." The preventive detention which the Italian magistracy instituted was, he says, an outrage.

There is, meanwhile, a court case pending in London. Zeffirelli is suing the trade magazine *Screen International* for describing him (wrongly) as a member of the neo-Fascist party. "I cannot accept to be called a Fascist. Oh yes, they have apologised, they have tried to sneak away, but I have them by the throat! I fought against the Fascists in the war — indeed, he twice narrowly escaped being executed by them — "so to me that allegation is no joke. It is also damaging to my work. "Oh, we can't employ a Fascist director — and I lose a million and a half dollars! No, the only way to erase that thing, the only thing the Americans understand, is damages. I am sorry, but they are going to have to pay millions and millions of pounds."

Then he makes a surprising qualification. "The National Alliance [the group to which he was mistakenly ascribed] may be called Fascist, but they are not. They are very progressive right, full of energy and ideas, and respecters of democracy. Italy desperately

needs a new left, a new way of being progressive. Not the children of the old socialists." The real cancer, in his view, is the communist party. "They are a sterile opposition who never wanted power. They were very happy manipulating behind the scenes. Those who joined them, managers of industry, managers of the press, bankers, even the judges, they were all — did so for a quiet life, so that they could get on with their jobs. If you had the communists against you, you were in trouble."

Which is where he himself has mostly been. "I never had a good notice in Italy until *Hamlet* [starring Mel Gibson, in 1991]. I was not clever like Fellini, who never stated his political views, and who was loved by everybody." Fellini was one of those whose support Zeffirelli had vainly tried to enlist in a lawsuit ten years ago, in protest against the way

Italian television stations butchered films to make way for ads. "In his *Romeo and Juliet*, even the cotillion scene had been interrupted."

The owner of the guilty station was one Silvio Berlusconi. "I was very angry. I lost my temper and sued him, and won. No money involved, but he apologised publicly. Since then we have been close." Which brings Zeffirelli to the subject of a nocturnal phone call in January.

"It was Silvio. He said, 'Franco, do you realise what's going to happen? We had just had local elections, and the communists had won practically everywhere. He said, 'I need to put together the best citizens of this country — people who have succeeded in their professional life, to do the same in parliament, to save our country.' He said Sicily was most endangered, and I had just made a film there [*The Sparrow*, based on a tale by Giovanni Verga, which opens in Britain next week]. So I said, I love the people. I've known Sicily all my life, I'll go to Catania."

Zeffirelli may have taken political leave of absence to direct *Charlotte Gainsbourg* and *William Hurt* as Jane Eyre and Rochester — "I told the party, if they elect me, they elect a director, not an executive director" — but there's no doubting where his heart is. "That call to arms woke me up. It said, you've been selfish. Step down from your little altar, come down on the battlefield. Now I am conscious of things which I had only looked at with the camera eye, telling fairy tales. I don't want to stay away from people any more. For once I am doing something useful."

His first campaign in Catania has been to set up summer camps for children from crime-ridden areas of the city. He has proposed the creation

of a national network of vocational high schools. And he is working to establish a state department for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

But a fuller double life is hard to imagine. Next year he will direct *Aida* in St Petersburg, *Carmina* in Verona, and *Anjelica Huston* in his forthcoming film about Maria Callas. In 1996 he will direct *Turandot* in Beijing, and — by invitation from the mayor of Jerusalem — direct the celebrations of that city's third millennium. "I don't want any secular nonsense. We want to put together three great cultures: Christian, Jewish, Muslim." For the World Cup, Berlusconi persuaded Zeffirelli to represent him in Los Angeles. "That was clever of him. Otherwise 200 million people would have seen the humiliation of the president of the defeated team."

On Berlusconi, the celestial jury is out. On his member for Catania, 71 this year, the verdict should not, I think, be unfavourable.

● *The Sparrow* opens in London on Friday



Zeffirelli: "I cannot accept to be called a Fascist. I fought the Fascists in the war"

Rimsky in a day

IS THIS a record? The Kirov Opera from St Petersburg, will play a three-week residency in Paris next month. On the single free day, November 28, all 200 performers will fly to London, give the British premiere of Rimsky-Korsakov's opera *Kitezh* at the Barbican, return to Paris that same night, and then give both a dress rehearsal and performance of Mussorgsky's *Khovanshchina* next day.

● **EXPECT** Stefanie Powers to fill one of the great screen roles — Margo Channing in *All About Eve* — when a theatrical adaptation of the film tours Britain next year. There is an unhappy precedent for this sort of venture: the recent *Rick's Bar Casablanca* in the West End, in which Leslie Grantham not too heroically impersonated Bogart. With *All About Eve*, though, the producers may be on firmer ground. After all,

the film's competitor for the 1950 Best Picture Oscar is doing rather well on stage. Its name: *Sunset Boulevard*.

● **LINGERIE** hurlers in 17 towns and cities will welcome the news that Tom Jones is to launch his most extensive British tour in 20 years at Norwich Theatre Royal on October 25. The 26-date extravaganza is in support of his forthcoming album, *The Lead And How To Swing It*. Meanwhile, boldly going where no musician has gone before, Mike Oldfield will incorporate CD-Rom technology on his album, *Songs Of Distant Earth*, due next month. On normal equipment the disc will play music inspired by the Arthur C. Clarke sci-fi novel. Rom users will be guided via computers through a futuristic landscape.

OVERTURES

the film's competitor for the 1950 Best Picture Oscar is doing rather well on stage. Its name: *Sunset Boulevard*.

● **LINGERIE** hurlers in 17 towns and cities will welcome the news that Tom Jones is to launch his most extensive British tour in 20 years at Norwich Theatre Royal on October 25. The 26-date extravaganza is in support of his forthcoming album, *The Lead And How To Swing It*. Meanwhile, boldly going where no musician has gone before, Mike Oldfield will incorporate CD-Rom technology on his album, *Songs Of Distant Earth*, due next month. On normal equipment the disc will play music inspired by the Arthur C. Clarke sci-fi novel. Rom users will be guided via computers through a futuristic landscape.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

● **House full, returns only**
● **Some seats available**
● **Seats at all prices**

Barbican, St. Paul's, EC2, 071-638 6891 Tonight-tomorrow, 7.15pm (S)
● **WHAT A PERFORMANCE** David Suchet's subtly funny performance as Sir Field. William Hamble's superb stage set of a corner house, first staged at The Drum Plymouth, earlier this year. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 071-494 5041. Now previewing. 7.45pm. Opens Oct 12, 7pm

LONG RUNNERS

● **Armadillo** Haymarket (071-930 8800)
● **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (071-867 1044)
● **Buddy, Victoria Palace** 071-834 1317
● **Cats** New London (071-405 0072)
● **Company** Haymarket (071-930 8800)
● **Crucy for You** Prince Edward (071-734 8861)
● **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-404 5070)
● **Five Guys Named Moe** Lyric (071-494 5041)
● **Grease** Phoenix (071-416 6000)
● **An Inspector Calls** Adelphi (071-836 8404)
● **Lady Windermere's Fan** Abbey (071-867 1116)
● **Les Miserables** Palace (071-434 0909)
● **Miles Sillington** Theatre Royal (071-404 5041)
● **The Phantom of the Opera** Her Majesty's (071-777 4043)
● **Rhe Love** May Show (071-836 8868)
● **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8666)
● **The Windmill Boy** Gaiety (071-404 5005)
● **The Woman in Black** Fortune (071-436 2228)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatres

NEW RELEASES

● **FORREST GUMP** (12). Endearing & intelligent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director: Robert Zemeckis. Empire (0200 888911) MGM Baker Street (071-836 3772) Fulham Road (071-370 2528) Trocadero (071-434 0031) Resale (071-837 8402) Nothing Hill Coronet (071-727 6765) Savoy Green (071-228 3520) Phoenix (071-883 2233) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

● **FUNNY MAN** (16). Tiresome low-budget British horror comic, with Tim James in a role as a killer in the park. Writer-director: Simon Sparrow. MGM Baker Street (071-836 3772) Fulham Road (071-370 2528) Trocadero (071-434 0031) Warner (071-437 4343)

● **THE LION KING** (U). African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charming Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots. Odéon Leicester Sq (0426 315683)

● **MINA TANNENBAUM** (12). Romantic Bonny and Clyde Zykhemian arrives on an ancient story of her Jewish friends in Paris. Winter-director, Marina Dugayon. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865)

● **BAD BOY BUBBY** (18). Australian director Phil de Heer's inventive and disturbing tale of a 35-year-old innocent at large. With Nicole Kidman. Plaza (0800 888907)

● **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12). Harrison Ford lights Government displays and Colorado's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure to far.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country

● **EMPIRE** (0200 888911) MGM Baker Street (071-836 3772) Fulham Road (071-370 2528) Trocadero (071-434 0031) Resale (071-837 8402) Nothing Hill Coronet (071-727 6765) Savoy Green (071-228 3520) Phoenix (071-883 2233) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

● **GETTYSBURG** (PG). Marathon TV-style account of the Civil War battles. No point of view, but quite impressive once the armies start fighting. With Jeff Bridges, Tom Berenger and Martin Sheen. Ronald F. Maxwell directs. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8670)

● **THE HUSKUCKER PROXY** (PG). Hick becomes company boss. Racy comic, pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman. Curzon West End (071-438 4603)

● **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15). Savoir, with his head in a mad alcohol abuse, demolition and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia. Director: Luis Mankel. MGM Chelsea (071-352 5006)

● **MR JONES** (15). Confirmed romantic drama about a mining depressive (Richard Gere) and his doctor (Jenna O'Neil). Director: Mike Figgis. MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8670)

● **THE MASK** (R). Strange mask turns mad towards employee who is a vengeful demon. Invisive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey. With the comic star of 1994's *Caroline*. Director: Charles Russell.

A FREE CD EVERY MONDAY

Classical organ greats

Every Monday The Times Music Collection offers readers a free CD from three of the greatest categories of music: classical; rhythm and blues with soul; and popular easy listening.

Today we continue our classical series with *The Organ*, a collection of some of the best known pieces from the masters of this form, including Pachelbel, Bach and Mendelssohn.

Playing time: 62 minutes
Sweetest - *Albin Goussier in G*
Pachelbel - *Fantasia in G*
Bach - *Prelude and Fugue in G minor*
CPE Bach - *Prelude in G major*
Wesley - *Fugue*
Mendelssohn - *Sonata No 6*
Scriabin - *Fantasy*
Franck - *Andantino*
Debussy - *Et la vie en rose*
Vieux - *Le Chant de Westminster*
Albeniz - *Albeniz*

Performers: Alan Ayler, Hans Fagius, Jacques van Oortswijk, David Sanger

Offer subject to availability.

The Times Music Collection

Please send me (qty) The Organ CDs

Name

Address

Postcode

Day Tel No

I enclose a cheque/PO for £1.98 per CD made payable to FM Ltd

Please send to: The Times Music Collection, Dept T104, Admail 494, Stratford Place, London W1E 9HR

Please tick the box if you do not wish to receive further offers from The Times or companies approved by them. Offer applies to UK only. Please allow 28 days for delivery.

SEE THE SUNDAY TIMES EVERY WEEK FOR MORE CD OFFERS

NT NATIONAL THEATRE

The Devils Disciple

by BERNARD SHAW

presented by the Royal National Theatre Production

"Daniel Massey and Jeremy Sinden... here is a comic turn to cherish" Sunday Telegraph

"THE COMEDY IS DELICIOUS" Sunday Telegraph

Office: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2A 3DU
12 Oct at 7.15pm
Thurs 13 Oct at 2.00pm & 7.15pm & continuing

BOX OFFICE: 071-928 2252
COMPUTERISED BY DIGITAL C.C. WELCOME

FIRST CALL: 071-497 9977
BOOKINGS: 7 DAY
C.C. HOTLINE (BOOKINGS)

HEAR ON RADIO 3.

'IN TUNE' MUSIC FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY. 5:15 PM WEEKDAYS.

RADIO 3
5:15 PM

Leaping to the defence of nuclear power... shedding light on relationships... putting the high-tech tomatoes on trial



THESE days, the nuclear industry needs all the friends it can find. Professor Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry's regulator, last week landed a damaging blow when, in evidence to the Government's nuclear review, he dismissed the industry's case and called for the break-up of Nuclear Electric.

Not all the professors, or all the economists, are against nuclear power, however. Leaping to the industry's defence has come Professor David Pearce of University College London, the man who can fairly be described as the founder of environmental economics.

In a new paper, Professor Pearce argues that while nuclear power does have its problems, it also has clear advantages over other fuels. It emits no greenhouse gases or acid pollution, and is based on a fuel relatively less scarce than oil or gas.

"Nuclear power has to be a major fuel for the foreseeable

Professors go nuclear

future," Professor Pearce says. The vision of a sustainable world economy based on renewable energy has to be retained, he says, but if the aims of the Climate Change Convention and various government agreements on acid rain are going to be achieved, the role of nuclear power remains important.

Professor Pearce's report, which will be submitted to the DTI's nuclear review, was commissioned by the British Nuclear Industry Forum. While this may promote some knowing looks, he would hardly have



SCIENCE BRIEFING
Nigel Hawkes

argued the case if he didn't believe in it. He argues that a rational mix of energy sources should be based on scarcity of supply, a balanced portfolio of sources of supply, and on environmental impact.

Reliance on any one fuel, or even only a few, is extremely unwise, he says. Gas is the fuel of the moment but its rapid growth means that it will face constraints on supply, perhaps sooner than anybody expects. "Subject to their environmental impact, all energy sources must be developed," he argues. "Those

sources must include nuclear power."

Meeting the demands of the Climate Convention will need non-carbon fuels, either nuclear or renewable, Professor Pearce says. By 2020, full use of nuclear power would cut Britain's output of carbon dioxide by 15-30 per cent. It would also help to meet the targets set in the second Sulphur Protocol and, more important, in further agreements likely to be made in the future to cut all sources of acid.

Could renewables replace nuclear power? To generate through the power of the wind as much of Britain's electricity as nuclear already does would mean wind farms covering 10,000 square kilometres of land. Apart from anything else, setting aside that much land that would mean slow progress through the planning system.

The bottom line, in Professor Pearce's view, is a "substantial" role for nuclear power in moving towards a renewable world. He does not venture an opinion, however, on whether that implies a continued government subsidy.

Voiles in love



CAN'T a vole get any privacy? For the past few years, the sexual behaviour of the prairie vole and the montane vole — two species even their friends

can hardly tell apart — has been under intense scientific scrutiny. The reason is that the prairie vole is monogamous, while the montane vole practises polygamy. In both species, a brain chemical, vasopressin, is released after sexual activity. In the faithful prairie vole, vasopressin appears to elicit the bonding instinct; in the montane vole, no such change occurs.

Now Thomas Insel and colleagues from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, have injected voles with radioactively-labelled vasopressin to try to understand why they respond so differently. In the *Journal of Neuroscience* they report that in the prairie vole the vasopressin concentrated in the thalamus and the olfactory regions of the brain, while in the

montane vole it found its way to the lateral septum, a part of the brain implicated in aggression.

This extraordinary difference in brain response could have implications for understanding monogamy in other species. Dr Insel is now looking at the role of vasopressin in primates; however, he says the aim is not to come up with love potions but, he told *Science*, to try to understand normal social attachment. Abnormalities of vasopressin function could underlie such disabling conditions as autism, where the ability to form relationships is impaired.

Genetic jury



SIXTEEN good men and women have just spent the weekend at a conference centre in Abingdon being pumped full of information about genetic engineering in plants.

They are the members of Britain's first Consensus Conference: a lay panel, or genetic jury, whose

job it will be to come to sensible conclusions about the use of new technology in agriculture and the production of food.

The panel, chosen from volunteers, is designed to be a cross-section of the general public. The Science Museum and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council are behind the scheme, which they hope will contribute to a wider public understanding of science.

So that the panelists will not be easy meat for their expert witnesses when they come to hold public hearings, they have spent two weekends being briefed on the subject. The eight men and eight women have yet to be named. Perhaps the Science Museum fears they will be lobbied by vested interests, but in the pub, or over a glass of beer, the genetically-engineered tomatoes through the post.

The public hearings will take place in Tuke Hall, Regent's College, Regent's Park, London, November 2-4. It will cost £10 a day, or £20 for the whole conference (less for students, the unemployed or retired, more if you represent a company).

Telling little green lies?

If there is one thing Haroun Tazieff believes in, it is speaking his mind. "When I've got something to say, I say it," he asserts. In the past, France's most famous volcano expert has raged about everything from the Mafia to television presenters, but in recent years he has found a new hobby-horse — the ecological lies he believes Green politicians have invented to scare the electorate into voting for them.

One of his favourites is the disintegration of the ozone layer by the infamous CFC gases. "It's a complete lie," he told me vehemently, when we met in Paris recently. "The ozone hole is a natural hole which appears above the Antarctic at the beginning of October and has disappeared by the end of December. In Europe, I think I'm the only person to refute it, and I have never been officially contradicted, neither by ecologists nor by scientists."

Yves Cochet, spokesman for the French ecology party, Les Verts, admits: "Although the majority of scientists say that CFC gases probably have a lethal effect on the ozone layer, nothing has been proved." He

The hole in the ozone layer has more to do with politics than deodorants, a French scientist tells Ian Phillips

adds: "We are obliged to talk of an ozone hole in the media, because then people get a very visual impression, but of course it is much more diffuse than that."

At 80, Tazieff remains as clear-thinking as ever. He argues that many of France's leading ecologists have no scientific background. A former boxer, he trained first as an agronomist and then as a geologist, which led to a lifetime study of volcanoes.

One of the founding fathers of the French ecological movement and a former minister for natural and technological risks, Tazieff is well qualified to talk about environmental issues. He has been adviser to most of France's environment ministers over the past decade.

Despite this he asserts that Green parties are running a "campaign of deliberate, untruthful scaremongering", and the imaginary problems they espouse have led to millions of pounds being directed towards "environmental wind-

mills" rather than the real threats of pollution.

It seemed strange to Tazieff that an ozone hole situated above the Antarctic was blamed on CFC gases, when most deodorants were sprayed in the northern hemisphere.

He was surprised to discover an article in the 1950 *Annals of Geophysics* reporting the existence of ozone holes above Norway in 1926 — years before CFCs were even dreamt of — and was astounded to find that the hole above the Antarctic was not the recent phenomenon ecologists claimed it to be. It was actually discovered as far back as 1957, he says, by the English scientist, Gordon Dobson, but it was only in the mid-Eighties that satellite photos began to highlight it in a rather spectacular way.

Tazieff believes that these dramatic images have been used to hoodwink the public. He believes that the hole is due to the low levels of ultraviolet rays (which are necessary to produce ozone) over the Antarctic at the end of the year,

and that the large and swift movements of air masses around the continent also play their part.

On September 5, 1987, there was a relatively large reduction of 0.1 per cent in the levels of ozone over a surface of three million square kilometres near the Palmer peninsula in the Antarctic. Tazieff is convinced there is no way that the CFCs could have broken down so much ozone in such a short space of time.

Even if CFCs do have an effect, he asserts that it must be an insignificant one. After all, it is alleged that it is the chlorine in the CFCs which breaks down the ozone molecules. However, only 7,500 tons of chlorine are released from the breakdown of CFCs every year, against 600 million tons from the evaporation of seawater and 36 million from volcanoes.

What is more, the effect of chlorine is to break down the ozone into oxygen plus by-

products, and it simply requires the presence of ultraviolet rays to transform the oxygen back into ozone.

Fiona Weir, atmosphere campaigner for Friends of the Earth, does not dispute the role played by natural phenomena, but insists there is also a massive man-made effect. She dismisses Tazieff's arguments as being out of date, and sees the ozone problem as more than a polar phenomenon, claiming that even over mid-latitudes, levels of ozone are being depleted by 3 per cent per decade.

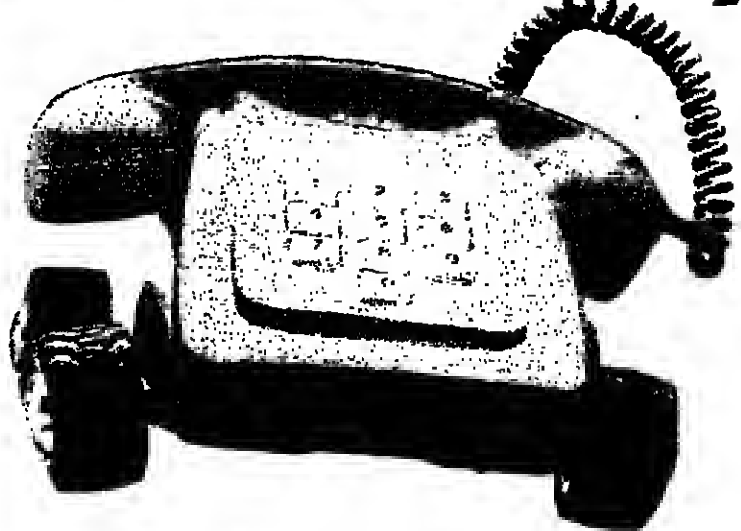
"That is absolutely untrue," responds Tazieff. "These figures have not been proved, and there are more people that refute them than accept them."

Large chemical companies wanted to keep their monopoly on the market. After half a century of being protected by patents, CFCs were on the point of falling into the public domain. To keep the whole of the pie themselves, what better way than to have them banned, requiring the use of a replacement gas, which is difficult to produce and thus remains exclusive to large companies which possess the technical know-how."



Haroun Tazieff says Green parties run "a campaign of deliberate scaremongering"

Phone us & Save money



Nearly 2 million motorists already have!

More people are choosing to join Direct Line than any other insurance company. Why? Because they realise that the combination of value for money and first class service is just too good to miss.

In fact, our motor insurance has proved so popular that, in under ten years, we have become the largest motor insurer the country has ever known — and we're getting bigger every day!

We believe in putting the customer first — but don't just take our word for it. Every year around half our business comes by way of personal recommendation from

our satisfied customers.

They know that when it comes to the crunch Direct Line's claim service is second-to-none. A telephone call is all it takes to register a claim and get the wheels in motion for a speedy repair. It's no surprise that for all round service Direct Line consistently comes out top in independent consumer research.

If you haven't yet discovered the benefits of joining Direct Line, why not give us a call. We're open 8am - 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am - 2pm Saturday.



A Royal Bank of Scotland Company

081 686 2468 041 226 2468 061 839 2468
LONDON GLASGOW MANCHESTER

021 236 2468 0532 432468
BIRMINGHAM LEEDS

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH INSURERS AND OF THE INSURANCE OMBUDSMAN BUREAU (NOT AVAILABLE IN NORTHERN IRELAND)

Antidote to health scares

Cancer and coffee, Alzheimer's and tea — some links need extra thought

Never a week goes by without the publication of another report on a link between some illness and exposure to a particular "risk". These are the classic health scare stories, such as coffee and heart disease, or coffee and pancreatic cancer, or tea and Alzheimer's disease, and so on.

Health scares may be sparked by exaggerated or misinterpreted results of laboratory research; but more often they come from studying risks and diseases in populations. It is often confusing to know how to interpret such examples of "risk factor epidemiology". Trying to avoid every conceivable risk would drive you mad, but equally a glib rejection of all health advice is unwise. Fortunately, guidance is available from a new book, which could be seen as the antidote to health scares.

There are fundamental problems with risk factor studies, which have led to the nickname "black box" epidemiology: a risk goes into the box and a

learn with risk factor epidemiology which cannot be solved by better research methods. While admitting that black box epidemiology is often a "stab in the dark", he suggests that sometimes stabbing in the dark can be a way of finding what you are after.

The reply to Savitz comes from the late Petr Skrabanek of Trinity College, Dublin. He argues that black box epidemiology is an absurd way of investigating the world. Trying to prevent disease by modifying exposure to so-called risks, without knowing what is inside the black box, leads to absurdities — like shooting storks in an attempt to reduce the birth rate.

In my opinion, Skrabanek wins the debate hands down. He concludes that we should generally ignore the so-called risks thrown up by epidemiological studies — unless they are backed up by other scientific evidence of cause. You cannot always be "on the safe side" and avoid all risks, because lifestyle advice is often contradictory, and anyway disease comes out, but what happens inside is a mystery. Some critics suggest that black box research can show only an association between a risk factor and a disease, but can never prove that it is not mere coincidence. For example, the decline in birth rate has been accompanied by a decline in the number of storks, but nobody would claim that the decline in storks has been the cause of fewer babies.

The controversy has resulted in a fascinating pair of articles in the September issue of the academic journal *Epidemiology*. David Savitz from the US puts the case in favour of the black box. He claims that there is no special prob-

lem with risk factor epidemiology which cannot be solved by better research methods. While admitting that black box epidemiology is often a "stab in the dark", he suggests that sometimes stabbing in the dark can be a way of finding what you are after.

So what is the key to discriminating the odd nugget

of valid information from the weekly cavalcade of imaginary risks? The best answer lies in developing a sound instinct, based on common sense, attuned to the detection of health fanaticism and propaganda designed to manipulate public behaviour. It will

never be infallible, but it seems preferable to the usual alternatives of complete gullibility or total cynicism.

DR BRUCE CHARLTON
The author is a lecturer in epidemiology and public health at Newcastle University

CHILD ABUSE AND HOW IT RELATES TO TEACHERS.

This week The Times Educational Supplement takes a serious look at the guidelines for dealing with alleged abuse in schools.

What are the rights of child and teacher today?



At your newsagent Friday October 14th.

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO IGNORE IT.

Erring churchmen deserve a fresh start like the rest of us

Forgive us our roast potatoes

FALLIBLE clergy are the theme of the moment. Look to Durham and you have a bunch of troublemakers kicking up a hallelujah over a bishop's misdemeanour of 26 years ago. So religiously illiterate a nation are we that the Archbishop of Canterbury has been driven to make an elementary point that if Christianity is not about redemption and new starts, what is? St Augustine, after all, had a mistress and a bastard long before he had a bishop's hat.

For a different kind of weakness, look to Rome, where we have Cardinal Silvestrini talking about the "last chapter" for John Paul II, and his anaesthetist telling the world that his Holiness is suffering from severe depression (despair, remember, is a sin too: against the Holy Ghost).

These men, being Catholic Italians, presumably see no harm in telling us the truth about the Pope's share in the human lot. It is the Anglo-Saxon Protestant media which come over squeamish and mutter that he ought to retire for a younger man.

The Mediterranean and Catholic approach is, if I remember my upbringing in it, to let things be. Only God retires Popes, and may well intend this public decline to be a source of spiritual example. Nobody ever said that Popes are exempt from human weakness, in their own lives, certainly nobody ever said that their weakness should be lied about to the faithful. The worst false note in the anaesthetist's interview was when he compared the Vatican now to the "last years of the Reagan presidency". A Pope is not a politician, and is therefore under no compulsion to bamboozle us by wearing a glistering couplet and juggling with the press corps in his path to holiness is through suffering, up to and including going a bit gaga, then so be it.

At least, that is what I think I remember of the Catholic attitude to such matters: dippy it may seem at times, but at its best, Catholicism is splendidly free from the prissy hypocrisies of later churches.

Which brings us to fallible cleric number 3. God save him. His weakness was neither sexual nor despairing, but brought on by the Minchhead cricket club dinner. He was the speaker, and his symptoms included hurling a bunch of flowers, using rude words and bowling roast potatoes down the

table (baffling, that how did they come to call on the guest speaker before the spuds had been cleared? Prudent organisations make sure that there is nothing messier for the speaker to throw than wrapped mints).

As the world now knows, the Reverend Richard Allen made the fatal mistake which all after-dinner performers dread making, and had drunk as much as everyone else. Probably no more: what leads to these upsets is not inordinate drunkenness, in my experience, but the fatal combination of moderate tipsiness and a public platform. The euphoria of early inebriation, coupled with a lot of upturned faces, brings on a condition where you think that you are uttering great truths, but are in fact insulting the chairman's wife and pulling off the tablecloth.

Prudent speakers drink virtually nothing. I have sat through many a grand dinner, sadly watching the fine wines go by, knowing that my only hope lies in getting down

as much port as physically possible during the 30-second vote of thanks. It is torture, especially if — like a writer, or a hardworking vicar — you don't often get a chance to break out. For a speaker, in these circumstances, to forget the golden rule and end up hurling potatoes is only human.

So the vicar has apologised, humbly, and seen his bishop, and made no attempt to bluster and attack the media like a politician. He is forgiven. Which, returning to the high ground, contains a clue for those who agonise over whether the clergy should be allowed to resign. The answer is that the clergy should be seen to be fallible, but also seen to apologise without excuses, to make reparation and to start afresh. Like the new Bishop of Durham: except that he should not have needed the spiteful push he got to make him go public.

Today is the feast day of the 16th-century Jesuit St Francis Borgia, who for years signed himself "Francis the Sinner". Fearing scandal, his boss St Ignatius Loyola ordered him to stop. It. Perhaps that was where the rot set in.



LIBBY PURVES

In the grip of an Age of Fear

Peter Jay reports on the global revolution which is threatening jobs throughout the West

Can the world be richer if everyone in it is poorer? Evidently not, outside systems of political and economic thought which attribute welfare and suffering, success and failure, to entities (such as "the tribe", "the nation", "the race", "the State", "society") other than individual people or the sum of them in their communities.

So, why propose this paradox? In part, at least as a personal confession of the tangle I first got myself into and then, I hope, unravelled — with results that thoroughly surprised me — in the course of preparing tonight's *Panorama* (BBC1, 9.30pm).

The idea was to report on unemployment and why people of all classes and generations, not just in Britain, but throughout Western Europe and North America, had, over the past 15 or 20 years, come to live in such a state of anxiety about the world of work, about the indifferent prospects of the younger generation, that it could properly be called, like our programme, the Age of Fear.

It did not take long to get to first base, namely the development of large "structural unemployment" (i.e. caused by obsolescent skills, uncompetitive pay and conditions, safety nets for, acting as incentives to, unemployment) in Europe after 1974 (see chart) on top of the "normal" frictional and cyclical unemployment of the previous 25 years.

Second base was easy, too, namely the realisation that North America's better employment numbers, after the recession of the early 1980s, represented a different way of living with the same problem that confronted Europe, not a solution to it. High unemployment and/or very low pay for unskilled or obsolescent workers were two horns of one dilemma: *the choice between*

the calm sea of a stagnant economy and the storm of a dynamic one. ● Ever freer movement of final goods and services from optimal production locations to optimum markets. ● Vanishing exchange controls over outward movements of capital from the richer economies.

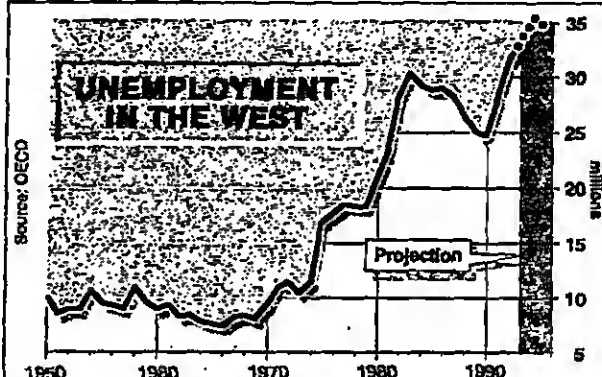
● Liberalising inward trade and investment policies in the "developing" world.

● Specifically political transformations in China and India, having the potential long-term effect of adding to the world's labour supply hundreds of millions of people sufficiently literate and disciplined to be eligible for highly skilled jobs in the world market.

● A fully-fledged worldwide army of effectively stateless



The search for work — men signing on at a labour exchange in 1939. Scenes like this are now being repeated all over the Western world



global, international and multinational companies dedicated to serving their shareholders by steering their large capital and technical resources to the most cost-effective combination with labour, wherever it is to be found.

Two mutually contradictory conclusions appeared to flow from this model. First, classical principles teach us to expect that, with so many impediments to market forces being removed and with a huge one-off effective addition of skilled labour, the efficiency of the world economy must rise, therefore increasing its total product, the total incomes arising therefrom and, for any given global population, average incomes per head — or "living standards".

Second, the integration of the world economy, including the world labour market, into a seamless, frontierless whole, "must" tend to equalise prices for the same commodity, including equalising the price of labour for the same value added. Moreover, since the free movement of final goods and of capital and management/technological assets progressively removes the advantage which labour in the

rich countries had when those factors were by historical and political circumstances concentrated in those countries, actual pay for a person with given skills would be equalised with pay outside. Because of the huge increase in the effective supply of labour caused by India and China "joining" the world economy, that equalisation would be more downward than upward.

So, the whole world is richer and "everyone" is poorer. How can that be? It is not enough to point out that "everyone" is not "everyone", but only the "everyone" in the old "First" World (Western Europe, North America, Japan). For, by participating in a

liberalisation of trade and investment and by gaining access to the product of all that new Asian labour, those economies in particular, as well as the world as a whole, must be becoming richer. Yet it seems that their working populations, as a result of global competition in the labour market, will be impoverished.

The circle is squared only when we include what is happening to the rewards of capital. Globalisation, as defined above, increases capital's bargaining power relative to labour and increases its share of the spoils. As the rewards of labour are competed downwards in the global market, the profitability of global businesses rises correspondingly.

These enterprises are still mainly owned in the old "First" World, simply because that is where the capital was originally accumulated. So the income from their investments is part of the "gross national product" (or actual wealth) of those economies, though it is not part of their "gross domestic product" (or annual output), which may be actually lower when valued at the new lower real price of labour. In the old Third World, of course, the rewards of both labour and, to the extent that savings accumulate, capital are higher.

Thus, both the world economy as a whole and even the "First" World economies individually can be "richer", even though anything up to a large majority of their populations — in or out of work — is impoverished. Whether such a world would be politically stable and what measures would be needed or possible to recycle the income from capital back to the majority of the populations — whether through redistributive fiscal policies or through more nearly universal ownership of capital — are topics for another occasion.

● Peter Jay is Economics Editor of the BBC

GET IN YOUR CLIENTS POCKET.

If you want your company's name in your clients' pocket, phone 0582 422 793 or fax 0582 456 097 (22941).



As many men and women have long suspected, they are not talking the same language. A study out this week by Deborah Tannen, Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington, shows that sexual harassment and the glass ceiling may be symptoms of a larger problem: men's and women's inability to communicate. The two sexes' delivery style, conversational rituals and meanings are often so far apart that incomprehension is interpreted as incompetence.

Dr Tannen cites hundreds of examples in her book, *Talking from Nine to Five*. Take the female boss who praises her male subordinate's report, and then asks for a few "improvements and changes". What she means is that the report is execrably written, but her fear of hurting the man means he fails to make the

My boss doesn't understand me

Women can't break through the glass ceiling because they are using the wrong words, a new study shows

necessary improvements. Then there is the typically male trait of not asking questions in the workplace for fear of being thought ignorant. Dr Tannen interviewed a male trainee doctor who guessed at a dose rather than asking the exact amount because he was afraid of looking incompetent. Fortunately, his estimate was correct. A competent woman doctor, who was also a student, was given a low grade by her male hospital supervisor because he thought her regular inquiries showed a lack of knowledge rather than a desire for it.

Dr Tannen gathered her information by persuading workers to carry tape recorders throughout the day, and then analysed the conversations, confrontations and

meetings, adding follow-up interviews about what the participants *really* intended by what they said. Dr Tannen was invited into some big American corporations to look at their management styles, and to posit some suggestions about the slow gains of female executives. They included the ice-cream giant Ben & Jerry's, Chevron Petroleum, Corning Inc. and dozens of hospitals, radio stations and universities.

As you might expect, our behaviour in the boardroom and on the shopfloor goes back to the playground. "Research shows that if there is one girl



KATE MUIR

with a group of boys, they tend to ignore or ridicule her," says Dr Tannen. "But if there is one boy in a group of girls, they tend to treat him as leader."

as a man, she is seen as talking too much. Women also tend to favour a more egalitarian style of management, using persuasion and compliments to get work done, whereas a man may show who is boss' by barking an order.

Also, a woman tends to self-effacing delivery in a meeting. Her phrases such as "I don't know if this will work, but..." or "This is just a suggestion..." rather than the male "I've had a great idea..." mean that a woman's suggestion will be ignored, but a man making much the same suggestion a few minutes later will be rewarded.

The so-called glass ceiling, which blocks women executives' upward rise, is, according to Dr Tannen, often a wall of words: "When decisions are made about promotion to management, the qualities sought are a high level of competence, decisiveness, and ability to lead. Men making the decisions are likely to misinterpret women's ways of talking as showing indecisiveness and inability to assume authority."

The divisional head of a multinational company came to Dr Tannen, surrounded that when promotions were discussed, not one of his (male) senior managers singled out any women, although they appeared to be perfectly competent at their

jobs. Asked why, every manager said the woman in question "lacked the necessary confidence".

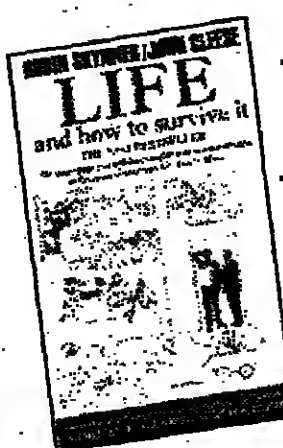
Dr Tannen found that women expected the fact they were doing a good job to be automatically noticed, whereas many men had the sense to trumpet their every little achievement. Men also had a higher opinion of themselves and negotiated higher pay rises. While women might lunch at their desks to get extra work done and expect to be noticed, men would lunch with their bosses and tell them how hard they were working.

Dr Tannen does not condemn these techniques. Rather, she feels each sex can learn from the other. "Clashing conversational styles can wreak havoc at the conference table, with frustrating and even dangerous consequences. Everyone's frustration will be reduced if we learn to accept each other's styles."

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE

WARE ST. HACKETT, LONDON E8 6SA (Phone 0181 361 3923)

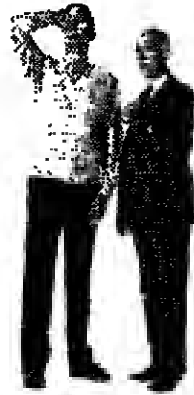
So many arrive as strangers, weary of pain and fearful of the unknown. They gladly stay as friends, secure in the embracing warmth, fortified and cherished to the end with the help of your graceful gifts. I thank you kindly on their behalf. Sister Superior.



LIFE and how to survive it

'LIFE and how to survive it, net als het vorige boek, een lange dialoog tussen de psychiater en de komiek' If life's all Dutch to you read LIFE and how to survive it by Robin Skynner & John Cleese.

At bookshops now. Only £5.99



CROSS SINCE 1846

Matthew Parris



■ However liberal I am on homosexuality and other issues, I could never join the angry party

More people in Britain may now be asking themselves whether they might turn to Labour than at any time since 1945. I sat by the Irish Sea in Blackpool last week and asked myself the same question.

Tony Blair's economics are similar to mine. Some of his social liberalism is closer to mine than my own party's instincts. And he seems a capable man. True, the press are in love with him at the moment, though not too much should be read into their commentary, but this will pass.

True, his speech on Tuesday has been ridiculously hyped: only its threat to Clause Four stands out, and the speech's lack of rapport with its Winter Gardens audience was unpardonable: as though they were there as studio audience for a television show, to clap wildly as directed at the end. But slick phrasing and one-sentence paragraphs of the sort that any second-rate advertising copywriter can spout do not make a great speech. It read like a 1980s Volkswagen advert. Telling people that you believe in integrity.

And honesty. And decency. And truth. ... prompts in sceptical minds the question why it should be necessary to say so. So, it was better than most Tory speeches. So could I support Labour? A fringe event organised by Stonewall — which campaigned for homosexual equality — answered my question. A roomful of delegates was addressed by Stonewall's director, Angela Mason. She was calmly persuasive. She hardly needed to be. All present were in favour of homosexual equality. Labour's response has been more sympathetic than my own party's. Was this, then, a personal reason for supporting Labour?

That it could not be I realised at the end. The case had been put for "whipping" Labour MPs' votes in divisions on our cause. There was disappointment with Labour's frontbenches. Ann Taylor and David Blunkett for voting against an equal age of consent, and a feeling that they should be ostracised. I do not share this feeling, and thought I was alone until a man at the back of the room asked the final question: should a party really force its MPs to vote against their own beliefs on such issues? Didn't we all "need space", as he put it, to change our minds? Might it not be better to reason with dissenters rather than compel them?

I sympathised. He asked the question with evident sincerity and in no spirit of hostility towards others in the room, or their beliefs. But their response dismayed me. They were angry

with him for expressing his opinion. People started to jeer. The collective force of the meeting turned in anger to crush one individual who had spoken out of line. The anger was directed not just against his opinion but against him, against the fact of his having expressed it — as though the incident somehow spoiled the occasion, sullied our sense of shared purpose; as though his voicing dissent should be seen as an insubordinate act. There was a mood to hurt or reject him.

Crowd violence (even, as here, utterly non-physical) disturbs me. You would not get such a response at a Conservative or Liberal Democrat meeting. I only once encountered it within my own party, when, during the Falklands War, I argued for a compromise with Argentina at a constituency meeting. But Britain was at war at the time, which I think is instructive. The Labour Party is by nature a war party. Its sense of purpose is rooted in anger: righteous anger at social injustice. This anger has despaired of reason and turned to compulsion. Its politics find their meaning in a shared struggle by the weak against the strong, the insecure against the secure, for which unity is vital. Among the weak, dissent must always be a kind of heresy. Trade unionists discovered early that discipline of action and expression is vital. Half a century of social reform and economic progress have not altered that sense of anger and the belief in compulsion which are at Labour's heart.

Liberalism — and liberalism is a key part of modern Conservatism — is rooted in confidence. Confidence does not reach instinctively for the weapons of compulsion. Of course many Tories are people who can afford to feel confident, having no cause for internal anger. But whatever the origins of socialist anger, whatever the grievances, the instinct for collectively organised compulsion is a fact. Political commentators spend too much time asking party leaders what they will do, and too little reflecting upon what parties are.

And instincts are most important. Events will set all plans, and then instinct will come to the fore. Anger is a powerful force in politics. It can be a redeeming force. In the campaign for homosexual equality, activist anger has achieved more than my own laid-back rationality, but I think anger fuels a crusade better than it fuels a government.

Oppression causes anger, but anger also oppresses. In the end I could never join Labour. I wonder whether Mr Blair should have.

Tony Blair has the Tories at sixes and sevens. They really ought to calm down, says Peter Riddell

This is no time for a lurch to the right

The votes in favour of Clause Four and against Trident are obviously an embarrassment for Mr Blair and show how much he has to do, but there is little doubt that he will succeed next year in repealing Clause Four. The more fuss the hard left and the Tories make now, the more of a triumph Mr Blair will then be able to claim.

So what should the Tories do? The rumbling on the right has already begun. The call is for "clear blue water" between the parties. By that, Tories mean tax cuts now, the rejection of a single European currency forever, and tougher action on law and order. If Mr Blair and Paddy Ashdown are occupying the centre ground, then the Tories should strike their standard on ground to the right, so as to rally the faithful.

This appeal is red meat to many Tory activists, but it could give the party indigestion or worse.

The more astute response to Mr Blair is to take him on his own terms, rather than creating imaginary bogys or veering off to the right. There

is plenty of scope for the Tories to engage Mr Blair on their own ground. Douglas Hurd will argue this case in a speech — with suitably stylish metaphors — to the Tory Reform Group on Wednesday.

The Conservatives can legitimately question how far Mr Blair's aspirations have been matched by real changes of policy: how far are Labour's spokesmen really "New Labour"? Moreover, the Tories were debating the community and social responsibility long before Amintore La Malfa's "communitarian" ideas were taken up by London think-tanks. Mr Hurd talked about the active citizen in the mid-1980s, and John Major's Citizen's Charter and ill-fated "back to basics" initiative had similar origins.

At the heart of the argument are taxes and spending. The Government is being more Thatcherite in its caution than Sir George Gardiner is in his call for a 2p cut in income tax

this autumn. The orthodoxy of the most successful Thatcher period, in the early-to-mid-1980s, was fiscal responsibility first, then tax cuts. This is what Kenneth Clarke is following when he argues that tax cuts this year would be "hopelessly premature". The combination of a tight public spending round this year with strong growth will reduce borrowing to a level which will make tax cuts fiscally reasonable next year. That still leaves the Conservatives with space to outmanoeuvre Labour.

Gordon Brown has had no choice over the past two years but to try to change the ingrained belief of voters that Labour is a "tax, spend and borrow" party. But he still has to show how Labour would fulfil its social and economic objectives within the new constraints. Ministers are already purring in anticipation of the trap they hope to spring. When taxes are reduced, they will challenge Labour not only to vote for the cuts but also to say that they will not reverse them. If Labour says it will reverse them, then the Tories will turn the

election into a debate about tax cuts which voters have just received or are about to receive. If Labour does not pledge to reverse them, then the Tories will argue that there is no room for expensive new spending commitments. This may not be so persuasive in the light of recent Tory tax increases, but the Government would gain little and risk much — in political and financial credibility — by cutting taxes now.

Similarly, on Europe, the Prime Minister has arrived at a position which at least keeps his party together. His anti-Brussels rhetoric annoys the pro-Europeans but they will accept it as long as he leaves open the question of whether Britain might one day participate in a single currency. The right demands complete rejection of this option now, which would split the party. Mr Major is walking a tightrope. Tugs to one side or the other are not helpful.

The Tory party is in a nervous and fragile state, as Michael Pinto-Duschinsky's fascinating and authoritative report on page 8 of today's *Times* shows. Not only is the organisation shaky in many marginal seats, but local activists are disillusioned. What the Tories need is time for the economic recovery and tax cuts to bring their benefits, together with stability and competence at the centre. They do not need to panic about Mr Blair, or to raise the blue standard high just as Labour is lowering the scarlet standard.

Give us something to believe

The Tories should adopt the Portillo doctrine — and perhaps the man himself

The minister who now best represents what the Conservatives believe in their hearts is not the Prime Minister, nor Michael Heseltine, nor Kenneth Clarke, but Michael Portillo. His pamphlet *Clear Blue Water* (published by Conservative Way Forward) puts a number of issues in a way that demands majority support among active Tories and probably among Tories in Parliament.

Taxation, by reducing people's disposable income, removes choices that are rightly theirs... for many people the role of government has sapped from them — one might almost say confiscated — their sense of responsibility towards other people... I believe in the increase in wealth... People need to be motivated... Conservatives believe that the lion's share of what an individual earns should be left with him... We must rethink what provision should be made for the contingencies of life by the State... Spreading the enterprise culture, minimising the role of the State, improving incentives, striving for low rates for personal and corporate tax... The State has slipped into an attitude of studied amorality... It is time to return to plain speaking and traditional values... The new British Disease — the self-destructive sickness of national cynicism... The chattering classes have succumbed to masochism and defeatism... We should not allow the national debate to be driven by the agendas of tiny discontented minorities... Those who wish to give up national sovereignty and see Britain absorbed into a crowned European political body show the ultimate symptoms of political doubt, even defeatism... We are a proud nation... Conservatism begins with individualism, but it doesn't end there... Britain's armed forces are superb... The quiet majority also looks to us to defend it from crime... The free market is democratic and decentralising... It is a wonderfully efficient transmitter of information... A powerful bulwark of political and personal freedom... Political union would mean giving up the government of the United Kingdom... That's impossible.

That sums up the core beliefs of many Conservatives. Michael Portillo did not at all leave the impression that Tony Blair might say much



Going separate ways: Clarke and Portillo might easily have been in different parties

William Rees-Mogg

the same thing, either about the levels of taxation, about the role of the State, or about Europe. He is far from the consensus of the centre.

This does not mean that the Conservative Party has entirely taken Michael Portillo to its bosom. There are qualities about him which make ordinary Conservatives uneasy. They are not comfortable with the intellectualism of his approach — in the old days they always preferred Willy Whiteley's relaxed view of politics to Keith Joseph's logical approach. Conservative Party members greatly admired Margaret Thatcher — at times they almost worshipped her — but they sometimes felt that she was too zealous, she held her political convictions with a fervour that had been the mark of socialists. Ironically, Michael Portillo is rather too continental for the Tory taste. They are descended from beery Saxon warriors who took the wrong turning coming out of the German forest; he is descended from Iberian ideologists, and must surely have a Jesuit only a generation or two back in his family.

Nevertheless, Michael Portillo has made himself one of the points of

view of the Labour Party suspects that Blair is a crypto-Conservative, and the right wing of the Conservative Party suspects that Clarke is a crypto-socialist. Some right-wing Conservatives actually prefer Blair: if there has to be a Social Democrat in Downing Street, they would be happier for him to be a Labour Prime Minister whom they would be free to attack without reserve.

John Major belongs neither to the right nor to the left wing of the Tory party. That is why he is leader. During the Thatcher years he appeared to belong to the moderate right; in his first two years as Prime Minister he moved well to the left, relaxing the control of expenditure before the 1992 election, making British membership of the exchange-rate mechanism the central principle of economic policy, seeking a close understanding with Chancellor Kohl, and signing the Maastricht treaty.

These policies made the recession worse, split the Conservative Party, nearly lost the 1992 general election and almost cost John Major the leadership. In his second two years as Prime Minister, Mr Major has made some moves back towards the right. As long as he is in Downing Street,

the right wing of the party fades away into a Euro-federalist social democracy hardly distinguishable from Tony Blair. At present the nearest to an equivalent leader on the left is Kenneth Clarke, whose two strongest political commitments are to the welfare state (though he recognises the need to reform it) and Europe (which he would embrace even if it took a Federalist form).

It might have taken only a tiny shift in circumstances and youthful sympathies to have made Tony Blair a very acceptable senior minister in John Major's Government, and an equally small shift might have made Kenneth Clarke the leader of the Labour Party. Both men are highly capable professional politicians of moderate but Europeanist views, representative of the fashionable view of their generation. The left

Britain will not re-enter the ERM or sign another Maastricht. His priority is to hold his party together; he thinks like a whip most of the time. These more right-wing two years have produced better political results than the left-wing years, and have made him safe.

John Major's leadership is again secure, even though the Labour Party is enjoying a vast lead in the opinion polls. The economic recovery has not yet won back many voters, but the mood of the southern middle class has improved from angry resentment to cynical indifference; this Government is neither loved nor admired, but it is no longer hated as it used to be. Some Conservatives think this is the start of another political recovery which will result in a fifth election victory in 1996. That sounds too optimistic, but not absolutely impossible.

By the next election, John Major himself will probably have been Prime Minister for six years, the third longest unbroken period of office in this century, surpassed only by Thatcher and Asquith. Considering how temporary he looked at the beginning, and the state of his party after the 1992 election, he can be well content with that, win or lose. The odds must still be that he will lose. Tony Blair is a skilful and intelligent modernising leader of the Labour Party. He has largely defused the fear of Labour which made the party unelectable. By 1996, no one under 40 will have voted in a general election which was won by Labour. The Tories have increased taxes, losing their strongest card. The Government is only moderately competent, still with some conspicuous failures in office. John Major's own performance has improved, but is still widely criticised.

If they lose the next election, the Conservatives will have to choose whether to try to recover power by turning to the Portillo doctrine, and possibly to Michael Portillo himself, or by trying to out-Blair Labour, possibly by making Kenneth Clarke leader. Which way they turn will depend largely on how events move, the size of the Labour majority, on how federalist the post-Maastricht negotiations are, and so on.

Yet Michael Portillo, whether or not he emerges as the future leader, has already set the agenda of the Conservative debate. In a damaging moment, Kenneth Clarke told Norman Tebbit that he had never read the Maastricht treaty. He would now be well advised to read Michael Portillo's speeches.

Not likely

JEREMY HANLEY is off to an inauspicious start on the eve of his first conference as Tory chairman. He has written asking for a donation from Peter Cadbury, who resigned in disgust from the Conservatives six weeks ago after 45 years as a party member.

Cadbury is livid. He blamed the Government's record on crime for his decision to leave the party, made after his home, near Basingstoke, was burgled. His departure hit the headlines, and now the begging circular signed by Hanley has further infuriated him. "You astounded me by your apparent lack of interest in the media," he wrote to the disaster-ridden party chairman. "My resignation from the Conservative Party has been widely publicised... I have over 400 letters from disillusioned Conservatives saying they will not vote Conservative again... Your final sheer act of lunacy in reducing the funding of the police will no doubt lose you even more support."

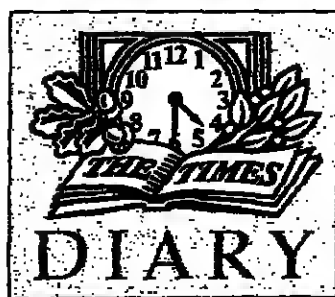
Hanley was too busy with conference preparations yesterday to comment, but Central Office was standing behind him: "We have a large-scale direct-mail operation,

which means we send out several thousand. Inevitably, when you are sending out so many, some will go astray. We had no intention of upsetting Mr Cadbury."

Flying out

THERE is a feeling of *déjà vu* in the Gulf. Not just because Saddam Hussein's troops are amassing on the Kuwaiti border, but because

AND REMEMBER, ... MUMS THE WORD.



journalists are flocking to the Middle East. Martin Bell of the BBC is already in Kuwait, and Peter Arnett, who covered the Gulf War so dramatically in 1991 for CNN, has pulled out of Haifa and is heading for Baghdad.

British Airways is taking no chances: having lost a plane at Kuwait City at the start of the war, it brought one of its 767s promptly out of the country this weekend to stop overnight in the haven of Bahrain.

A wiggling

FURTHER indignity has befallen the schoolmarmish Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley. Next month's *Esquire* magazine has been experimenting with her hairstyle.

Using a computer, the magazine has superimposed the hair-dos of such luminaries as Julie Walters and East-Enders star Pauline Richards. It has given her the Martini Navarra "page boy" cut, the shoulder-length bob of Susan George, the tousled Liz Taylor look and the fetching, bleached crop of pop singer Yaz.

My own view is that of the various possibilities, she looks best in the short, urchin cut of fellow MP Glenda Jackson.



The Glenda Jackson look

They are taking no chances with the seasons in Hull this year: Christmas decorations are already up, alongside hanging baskets of blooming geraniums. Such vulgarity is not without reason, says the council: "It's the most efficient time for the staff to put them up."

Forth without

ON THE subject of political hairstyles, keep a close eye at Bournemouth on gold-chain-wearer Eric Forth, the schools minister. He came a cropper at the Commons barber recently, and has lost his distinguishing sideburns. The difference is so dramatic that there is talk of an entirely new set of publicity photographs.

Denying that his "rug rethink" was intended to counter the permanent onslaught from Tony Blair, the 50-year-old MP explains that the barber was over-zealous: "I went for a routine trim and made the mistake of asking the barber to take off a bit more than usual. He practically scalped me. I assure you it is more by accident than design. Some people have said it makes me look younger, but my mother wants me to grow it back."

No academic, the Duke of Devonshire. He is pictured sound

asleep on the sofa of his private sitting-room, at Chatsworth in Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd's new book *Great Houses of England and Wales*. So, he was asked, why doesn't he call the room a study? "Because I sit in it more than I study."

Old-fashioned

NAOMI CAMPBELL will be taking a break today from the rigours of the London Fashion Week catwalk, and browsing for something other than designer wear. I am told she is planning to drop into a second-hand clothes shop in west London, before flying off to Paris.

Not that the hand-me-downs she plans to search through are anything run-of-the-mill. The supermodel's interest is in satin and chiffon underwear dating from the 1930s or earlier. And she has warned Virginia Bates, whose west London shop Virginia specialises in antique clothing, that she hopes to visit.

"She is a regular customer," says Bates. "She said she wants some thing 'sexy and cute'. She likes camiknickers and petticoats, which she wears like a dress. The models get so fed up with wearing designer clothes that they want something



Over the top: Naomi

different, and these clothes are one-offs and beautifully made."

A can of oil would not have gone amiss at London's Coliseum on Saturday during the English National Opera performance of Don Quixote. Instead of sitting astride horses, the Don and Sancho were on tricycles made to look like horses — and their brakes screeched louder than any diva's aria.

P.H.S.



SANITY AND SADDAM

This is not an irrational gamble but a calculated challenge

If President Saddam Hussein's only purpose in moving troops to the Iraq-Kuwait border was to sow division in the United Nations Security Council before today's meeting on Iraq, he could be judged to have failed already. The council was due to consider a new report by Rolf Ekeus, the head of the UN inspection team, on Iraq's compliance with UN weapons monitoring. Before the weekend, there had been pressure from France, Russia and China to agree to ease UN sanctions against Iraq once the UN's surveillance systems have been thoroughly tested. Now, by providing a dramatic reminder that he has yet to relinquish Iraq's claim to Kuwait, that he is an aggressor by instinct and that his armed forces still have the capacity to overrun the Emirate, Saddam has reconcentrated minds on the threat his regime still poses to international peace.

The immediate diplomatic and military reactions, in New York, in Washington and in such key regional capitals as Riyadh, have been studiously resolute. The US deployment, particularly of air and sea power, has been swift and massive. Although Saddam could still launch a lightning raid, taking hostage UN monitors in the demilitarised frontier zone, any cross-border attack would bring not only punishing casualties, but Cruise missile strikes on military targets in Iraq.

As the West has discovered before in its dealings with Saddam, however, the challenge he poses does not end there. There is no doubt of his desperation over sanctions, which have at last begun to loosen his regime's grip. Iraq's own press now openly refers to "poverty, rampant crime, immorality and social disintegration". He coupled the troop movements with a threat to cease all co-operation with UN weapons inspectors unless the Security Council sets a timetable today for lifting them. He may genuinely have expected Mr Ekeus to affirm Iraq's full compliance with the UN ceasefire Resolution 687 of 1991 and that the Security Council would oblige. As Mr Ekeus left Baghdad last week, he reported "remarkable" progress on weapons monitoring.

At home, Saddam could then have proclaimed that Iraqi military power had again put it in command of events, forcing the hand of the international community. And the show of force would simultaneously have reminded Iraq's more jittery neighbours that he remains a power to reckon with. Most governments in the region are aware of Western intelligence estimates that once sanctions are lifted, Iraq could rebuild its chemical weapons capability in a year, its biological weapons programme in two and its nuclear programme within four or five; and that before then, Iraq could acquire the formidable deterrent effect of a plausible, even if not actual, nuclear capability.

The only way to deny him this three-in-one triumph is to maintain sanctions. His reading of the Security Council may have been over-optimistic — not least because Mr Ekeus insists that the UN must first be able to check on Iraqi imports of banned equipment. The Council is also unanimous that before sanctions are eased, Iraq must recognise Kuwait within the borders charted by the UN. But divisions could rapidly open out if Saddam does so, and he has signed treaties before only to tear them up when it suits him. He could combine that "concession" with military defiance, obstructing UN monitors and keeping troops poised on the border for weeks or even months.

It was no easy matter for George Bush to build the anti-Saddam coalition in 1990 and if he were still president, he would find it harder now. The last thing Bill Clinton wants is to sustain the US military build-up in the Gulf. He is cutting the US military budget by a further \$127 billion — to the point where the Pentagon doubts its ability to fight two regional wars at once. The North Korean military threat outranks Iraq in its concerns. Saddam knows this. In testing American resolve, time is against him. He will lose — provided Mr Clinton stays the course. But perseverance has not been this President's hallmark. Saddam has devised his script accordingly. The West's wider security depends on his being proved wrong.

LEVEL UP

The economic rise of the Third World is opportunity not threat

Can a society get steadily richer while most of its citizens get steadily poorer? This is the troubling question at the heart of much international debate about the future of the European and American economies, posed in *The Times* today by Peter Jay. The paradox that Mr Jay identifies is that the demise of communism and the worldwide triumph of free trade has not ushered in a golden age of confidence and prosperity across the capitalist world. Instead it has spread economic insecurity across America and Europe.

The new recruits to the free market who live in Eastern Europe, China, India and other Third World countries may provide, as consumers, some lucrative new markets. But in their capacity as cheap workers, these three billion new citizens of the capitalist world threaten to create an unprecedented worldwide glut of cheap labour. This will put irresistible downward pressure on the wages of rich Western workers, producing the paradox of a rapidly expanding world economy, whose very success makes the citizens of its leading nations worse off.

That, at least, is the alarming vision presented by Mr Jay, and echoed around the world by other influential economic thinkers, such as Ross Perot in America and Sir James Goldsmith in France. But plausible as it may sound, the case for a worldwide levelling of living standards downwards will almost certainly turn out to be wrong. First, the argument has experience against it. The thesis that competitive capitalism would inevitably lead to immiseration of the proletariat was one of the main "contributions"

made to economic theory by Karl Marx. It turned out to be wrong because the demand for labour and the productivity of the labour force kept rising, despite the enormous flow of new workers made available by the mechanisation of agriculture. The levelling that occurs will predominantly be up, not down. But secondly, the inevitability of levelling is itself highly contentious. Labour is not a homogeneous commodity and many of the services which workers provide will never be traded across the globe. Although some skills can be easily learnt, there are others which may take generations to acquire. As the manufacture of simple goods, which requires relatively unskilled labour, becomes cheaper, the value of skills that are based on culture, history and tradition and are harder to transfer from one nation to another, will rapidly rise. These include scientific creativity, but equally plausibly they may be commercial practices, cultural traditions or language skills. Whatever these valuable skills may be, it is a fair bet that they will be concentrated for several generations in North America, Japan and Europe.

The poor countries of the world may, however, converge with the rich faster than rich and poor converged in Europe. The challenge for democracies lies in the speed of the transition. Western politicians have to be aware that the strains of competition will be tough. But, like the gradual levelling brought about by two centuries of capitalism in North America and Western Europe, the catching-up of the Third World should be seen as an opportunity, not a threat.

GAELIC REVIVAL

Language lives by popular demand not political correctness

The Mod, Scotland's annual Gaelic jamboree, is showing signs of modernisation. In addition to its traditional competitions for singing, dancing and playing the native instruments, this year at Dunoon the Mod is introducing classes in Gaelic, even Gaelic karaoke. About 66,000 Scots speak Gaelic, fewer than two in every hundred of the population, but after a century of slow decline there is some evidence that their numbers are starting to creep up. And the teaching of Gaelic in primary schools and playgroups, led by parental demand, is reducing the high average age of Gaelic-speakers. This year's Mod may even make a modest profit.

The revival of the Mod rides on the back of a renewal of interest in Scottish culture and roots. Groups such as Capercaille from Oban and Runrig from Skye sing Gaelic songs with the technical glitter and uproar of modern pop music. They attract large audiences at concerts and for recordings among the urban young who have shown no previous interest in languages. The Government spends £13 million a year on Gaelic, much of it on Gaelic language broadcasting. The joke among Scottish television studios is that the best way to get funds for a marginal pet programme is to make it in Gaelic. Tartan soap operas such as *Macbha* are popular even among Scots with no word of Gaelic.

So there is life in the old language yet, after centuries of decline and recent reports of its death. But the decision of the Scottish National Party at its conference to make

Gaelic lessons compulsory in Scottish primary schools is sentimental and misguided, and would be counterproductive. Since the Scottish Nationalists now control the local councils in the Grampian and Tayside districts, they are in a position to put their foolish policy into practice.

Such linguistic engineering is chauvinist antiquarianism. It would be enormously expensive to give Gaelic legal equality with English, as well as being irrelevant to the majority of Scots from the Lowlands and the central industrial belt, whose mother tongue is Scots not Gaelic. In countries such as Ireland and Canada, where bilingualism has been made compulsory for reasons of political correctness, it arouses resentment and waste. For the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, the duplication of announcements in English and French was a waste of time and patience. The compulsory teaching of Irish is resented by most Dubliners, whose sole or first language is that written by Joyce and Beckett, Yeats and Synge. The language of almost all Scots is the mother tongue of Stevenson and Scott, Burns and Hume.

Geography and history have made the Scots a resourceful and innovative people. Teaching of foreign languages, even in the admirable Scottish schools, is already an inadequate preparation for working in the global marketplace and Babel. Compulsory Gaelic would be an expensive and inward-looking retreat into the old Celtic mists. It is a sentimental slogan, not a credible policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN Telephone 071-782 5000

A 'sellable' vision for the Tories at Bournemouth

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for Wiltshire South (Conservative)

Sir, It takes time and a collective effort of will for the leadership of a political party to impress its distinctive vision for the future on the public consciousness. This week's party conference in Bournemouth may be the last such opportunity for the Conservative Party before the next general election.

The overall objective is clear: to continue the process of making Britain the most attractive place in the world for people to invest and to live in. For this to be credible, it is the detailed components which will now count most. These comprise absolute commitments to the following policies and principles:

- sound money
- free trade
- retaining national control within the European Union of our economic policy, our defence and our legal system
- a basic rate of personal taxation which is the lowest in the industrialised world
- massive private investment in road and rail
- substantial development of private rented housing
- greatly expanded private health and pension schemes
- much reduced government, including the abolition of redundant ministries, such as that of employment, and the removal of one tier of local government
- much more competition in gas, electricity and telecommunications
- privatisation of coal
- further reform of the social services

in order to ensure that the money goes only to those who need it

□ the maintenance of effective police forces and armed services

We should build on what we have achieved. Consolidation won't do. For the message to be sellable, it must be clear, inter-related, believable and self-evidently one that only the Conservatives can espouse.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons,
October 9.

From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith

Sir, Mr Canell (letter, October 3) writes that in his opinion "Conservatism... needs to show both candour and courage to reassess its claim to government, particularly as some signs of... candour are beginning to come from the... Labour Party".

The misery and boredom of unem-

ployment will play a large part in the next election, I feel sure, and there will be much rhetoric about "tackling" it, but no detailed solutions. I doubt whether any politician will have the courage and candour to state frankly that unemployment is the inevitable consequence, not only of technological progress, in replacing people with machines, but of the perfectly legitimate entry into the job market of increasing numbers of women since the Conservatives took office in 1979.

As the number of workers needed to keep the country in world competition steadily decreases, the number of people of both sexes looking for jobs increases. The Government is managing to keep the figure of unemployment below 3,000,000 for the moment, but for how long?

Neither Mr Major, Mr Blair nor Mr Ashdown would commit political suicide by having the candour to contemplate what the level of unemployment is likely to be at the end of the century. Yours faithfully,
GORDON M. L. SMITH,
9 Greenfield Way,
Sturminster, West Sussex,
October 4.

From Mr L. E. Braddick

Sir, The Tory faithful should remember Mr Major's slogan: "If it's not hurting, it's not working".

Especially when they pay 17½ per cent VAT on their winter fuel bills — the result of a delayed exit from the ERM that cost us £15 billion.

Yours faithfully,
L. E. BRADDICK,
7 The Green, Crediton, Devon,
October 7.

Natural reserves

From Mr Maurice Taylor

Sir, With this constant yen for an ever-greener environment, has no one yet thought of a means to harness the hot air emanating from our annual party conferences?

Each party member's contribution is generous. From year to year they do, at least, recycle their surplus of unused, unsung, promises.

Yours sincerely,
MAURICE TAYLOR,
22 Claremont Hill,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Iraq sanctions

From Mrs Elizabeth Young

Sir, On October 4, four days before Saddam's reported new moves, you stated that "Israel is stepping up pressure on Western governments to maintain tough sanctions against Iraq" because of "evidence" that Iraq may be "behind recent cases of plutonium smuggling". Perhaps in the course of receiving this pressure, Western governments will ask Israel for full details of its own nuclear weapons programme and stockpile, and of its own record of obtaining nuclear materials and expertise from other countries. They could also refer Israel to the illegality of its attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor in 1981, and remind it of the way nuclear weapons in one party's possession tend to call up nuclear weapons in its neighbours'.

Yours etc,
ELIZABETH YOUNG,
100 Bayswater Road, W2,
October 9.

Picasso mural

From Professor J. E. Harris,

FRS, FRCGS
Sir, In November 1950, J. D. Bernal, the distinguished physicist and a personal friend of Pablo Picasso, gave a party in his flat in Torrington Square, Bloomsbury, during which Picasso was persuaded to draw a picture in crayon, depicting two mythic figures, on one of the interior walls of the flat.

Some time later, when Bernal moved home, the plaster with his painting was removed from the wall and presented to the Institute of Contemporary Arts. It was displayed for many years in the foyer of the ICA's Mall gallery. Bernal died in 1971.

Some two years ago, needing restoration, the mural was taken down and moved into storage. Since then, the ICA has decided to sell it, and it is currently stored in a London auction house. It would be the ultimate irony if this tribute by one European communist to another should end up as is only too likely, in that home of capitalism, the USA.

Yours faithfully,
JACK HARRIS,
28 Hopton Road,
Cam, Dursley, Gloucestershire.

Choosing to pay

From the Chairman of the Selsdon Group

Sir, Mr Graham Walker (letter, October 4) compares the "free" Smithsonian Institution with the "expensive" Portsmouth naval heritage area. Naturally, one wants "history" to be free but, as history itself teaches, goods and services can never be free — someone, somewhere has to pay.

The Smithsonian is free because the American taxpayer subsidises it through the tax breaks allowed under American charity law. Like our own mortgage interest tax relief, the mechanism subsidises the better-off at the expense of the less well-off.

The Conservative Party in general, and the Selsdon Group in particular, believe that people should have the freedom to choose to pay, rather than be forced to pay for "free" services through taxation.

Yours sincerely,
NICK TATE,
Chairman, The Selsdon Group,
170 Soane Street, SW1.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

Organ transplant cards

From Mr Matthew Bowles

and Miss Vanessa Morgan
Sir, We wish Mr Peter Allen, who wonders "whether anyone will want my clapped-out bits and pieces" (letter, October 5), good health for many years to come. However, he may be reassured to know that he will be able to donate his kidneys up to the age of 76 years, and that in the case of corneas there is no age limit.

Mr Allen will doubtless be aware that very few people die in the particular circumstances which allow their kidneys, liver, heart and lungs to be used for transplantation — hence the long waiting-lists for such operations. These circumstances are not required for corneal donation, which can restore the sight of two people.

We would therefore encourage Mr Allen to continue to carry his donor card and to be sure that his family are aware of his wishes.

Yours faithfully,
MATTHEW BOWLES
(Transplant Registrar),
VANESSA MORGAN (Transplant Coordinator, North Thames East Regional Health Authority, ECI,
St Bartholomew's Hospital).

From Mr Stephen Tee

Sir, My father died in July this year at the age of 82. The hospital matron told me that he had a donor card on him and asked for my permission to use it. I was surprised that any of his "bits

and pieces" would be of any use. He had been very unwell for many years. A few weeks later, I received a letter from South Thames Transplant Co-ordination Service to tell me that my father's corneas had been used and have "literally given the gift of sight" to two people. He would have been delighted.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN TEE,
1 East View, High Street,
Biddborough, Kent.

From Mr G. Smith

Sir, The new National Lottery is currently being widely advertised. If an offer of free tickets was included in the advertising for everyone registering as organ donors it could be the catalyst needed to significantly increase the number of donors.

Yours sincerely,
G. SMITH,
9 Ash Close, Sidcup, Kent.

From Mr David H. Hall

Sir, I have donated my body — with delayed completion of course — for medical research. Mr Allen may perhaps take the view that if our organs appreciate in tune with the hysterical prices asked for elderly motor car parts, we shall both — to quote Soames Forsyte — "but up very warm indeed".

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
DAVID HALL,
5 Broughton Road,
Banbury, Oxfordshire.

Princess defamed?

From Mr Peter F. Carter-Ruck

Sir, Mr Neville Peel (letter, October 6) may be correct in stating that Anna Pasternak's book, if true, would amount to a breach by James Hewitt of the Statute of Treasons, but not that the Princess of Wales would be an accessory.

By virtue of the Treason Act 1351, "If a man do violate the Queen or the wife of the monarch's eldest son and heir, it ought to be judged treason". To violate is defined, *inter alia*, to mean to ravage, to treat irreverently or to treat without proper respect or regard.

Yours faithfully,
PETER F. CARTER-RUCK,
75 Shoe Lane, EC4,
October 6.

Muddled waters

From Mrs Angela Jefferson

Sir, I was surprised to read Matthew Parris's definition of "eau-de-nil" in his report of the opening of the Labour Party conference (October 4).

Eau-de-nil for me has always meant very pale green; so I was somewhat nonplussed to see it described as turquoise. In fact, I had to rush to my dictionary in order to satisfy myself on its precise colour characteristics. According to Collins's Dictionary, it is a "pale greenish-yellow" colour. However, its literal meaning is "water of the Nile" — a rather murky colour, well-suited to the Labour conference.

Yours faithfully,
ANGELA JEFFERSON,
12 Hill View Road, Oxford.

pay as much for their upkeep as those who do.

I recently visited the Royal Naval Museum (having already seen the three ships Mr Walker mentions, and the submarine at Gosport). I must admit that my pride in the achievements of our sailors over the past 500 years was not diminished because I had to pay rather less than the price of two pints of beer to do so.

Yours faithfully,
TOM PARKER,
26 Church Street,
Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire.

From Mr F. H. Connolly

Sir, It is unfair to set the Smithsonian museums in Washington against the National Heritage exhibit at Portsmouth rather than the comparable national museums in London, most of which charge no admission fees.

On a recent visit to San Francisco I was asked to pay \$6 at the Hyde Street Pier Maritime Museum, in order to view a sailing ship, a small Klondike side-wheel steamship and a few assorted items linked to the port's history.

Yours faithfully,
F. H. CONNOLLY,
172 Jasmine Crescent,
Princes Risborough,
Buckinghamshire.

A German lesson on mental care

From Dr S. D. Martin

and Dr R. W. K. Reeves

Sir, We believe that attention should be drawn to the system operating in Germany with regard to people who commit an offence when they are mentally unwell.

Patients may not be discharged from German psychiatric units without the agreement of a judge. Before discharge they can be sent on periods of leave only with the permission of a judge and then, after final discharge, they can be recalled to hospital for failing to take medication.

The present system in England and Wales is more complicated, involves less judicial responsibility and appears to be less effective. The court makes an order under the provisions of section 37 of the Mental Health Act and the patient is then admitted to the regional secure unit, a district hospital psychiatric secure unit or, in more serious cases, to a special hospital such as Broadmoor. In the third case patients are usually under a Home Office restriction order.

Patients who have committed an offence and been admitted to hospital without a Home Office order can be discharged by their doctor or, after the first six months, by a tribunal. Although there is the provision to send patients home on leave, there is no way that they can be recalled, should they stop taking medicine, unless there is evidence that they are mentally ill once more. Although the supervision registers which the Department of Health introduced earlier this year are an encouraging development, they do not resolve this problem.

We would advocate the adoption of the German system in England and Wales. It would guarantee considerable way towards ensuring that psychiatrists, desperate for beds, would not be permitted to discharge patients who had committed offences simply because there was another patient, perhaps more seriously ill, awaiting admission.

The resource implications are substantial, but so too, eventually, would be the benefit to the public and the patients.

Yours etc,
STEPHEN D. MARTIN
(Senior registrar),
ROBERT REEVES
(Consultant forensic psychiatrist),
Winford House Hospital,
Dryden Road,
Winford, Exeter, Devon,
October 7.

Labour and Ulster

From Mr Robert R. Rodwell

Sir, Your welcome card (leading article, October 6) for Labour to develop a mature policy towards Northern Ireland could have gone further than simply to urge Mr Blair to consider the case for his party organising here, though your suggested firing of its spokesman on Northern Ireland, Kevin McNamara, would be a good start.

Not only does Labour decline to contest elections here but it rejects for membership anyone applying from a Northern Ireland address. Yet if you apply to Watford Road from, say, Bangkok, Brisbane or Bangui, you will be readily accorded overseas membership.

How does a party which professes to be both national and democratic, and has a realistic possibility of forming the next government, justify its exclusion of UK taxpayers and electors?

Yours faithfully,
BOB RODWELL,
86 Shore Road,
Ballyhalbert, Co. Down,
October 6.

Ferry disaster

From Mr Richard J. Torney

Sir, On December 30, 1971, my wife and I embarked with our car aboard an unstaffed roll-on, roll-off ferry from Southampton to Bilbao. We were to experience one of the worst storms at that time in living memory — as Sir Edward Heath will remember since he lost his yacht *Morning Cloud* in the Channel as a result.

When at last we arrived in Bilbao, after a truly dreadful journey through the Bay of Biscay, vehicles could not disembark due to extensive damage to the bow doors, which had to be repaired by welding equipment. We were unable to resume our journey to southern Spain for several hours; but thankfully we did arrive safely.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD J. TORNEY,
Flat 16, Waverley Lodge,
Sandyford, Newcastle on Tyne.

Bestsellers

From Mr N. B. Adams

Sir, You reported (*Business News*, September 28) that Dorling Kindersley's bestselling book in the UK last year was *Encyclopaedia of Gardening*, whilst in the USA it was the *Ultimate Sex Guide*.

Does this indicate what most interests each nation? Or what each nation is most ignorant of?

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL ADAMS,
10 De Walden Court,
85 New Cavendish Street, W1,
October 7.

JAMES HILL

When war broke out he joined the RAF in 1939 and was soon serving in the RAF film unit. Over the next five



Hill was soon gaining a quiet but impressive reputation as a documentary director, and in the early 1950s he began to tackle features, several of which he wrote himself. He was most at home with either adventure or nature films and wrote and directed many episodes for television series such as *The Saint* and *The Avengers*.

With *Under the Wild* also wrote the film script), it got off to a good start, thanks to a star performance from Peter Sellers as the unsuccessful barrister briefed to defend the character played by Richard Attenborough, who is accused of murder. But *Roany* felt it actually lacked the tautness of Mortimer's original treatment.

Among Hill's other films of the 1960s

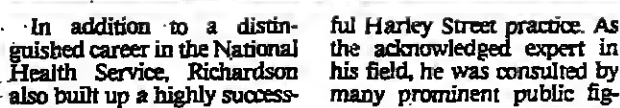
Hill continued to direct for television well into the 1980s.

Turned down for the Indian Civil Service because his eyesight did not meet the stiff medical requirements, he joined the Colonial Service in Nigeria instead. He sailed for West Africa in 1931, beginning as an active assistant district officer in the north.

Macdonald-Smith spent the next 14 years in provincial administration, before joining the secretariat in Lagos as the

Bernard Lucas was married twice and is survived by three sons and a daughter.

His interest in electrodiagnosis was the result of inspired medical thinking while working with Dr Philippe Bauwens



forces of hate and
dominion for the re
proved beyond his
This is still their
darkness.

FOOTBALL

29

Irish eyes
still
smiling
for
Big Jack

SCHOOLS SPORT

31

Tagging
on to
rugby's
new
image

CRICKET

24

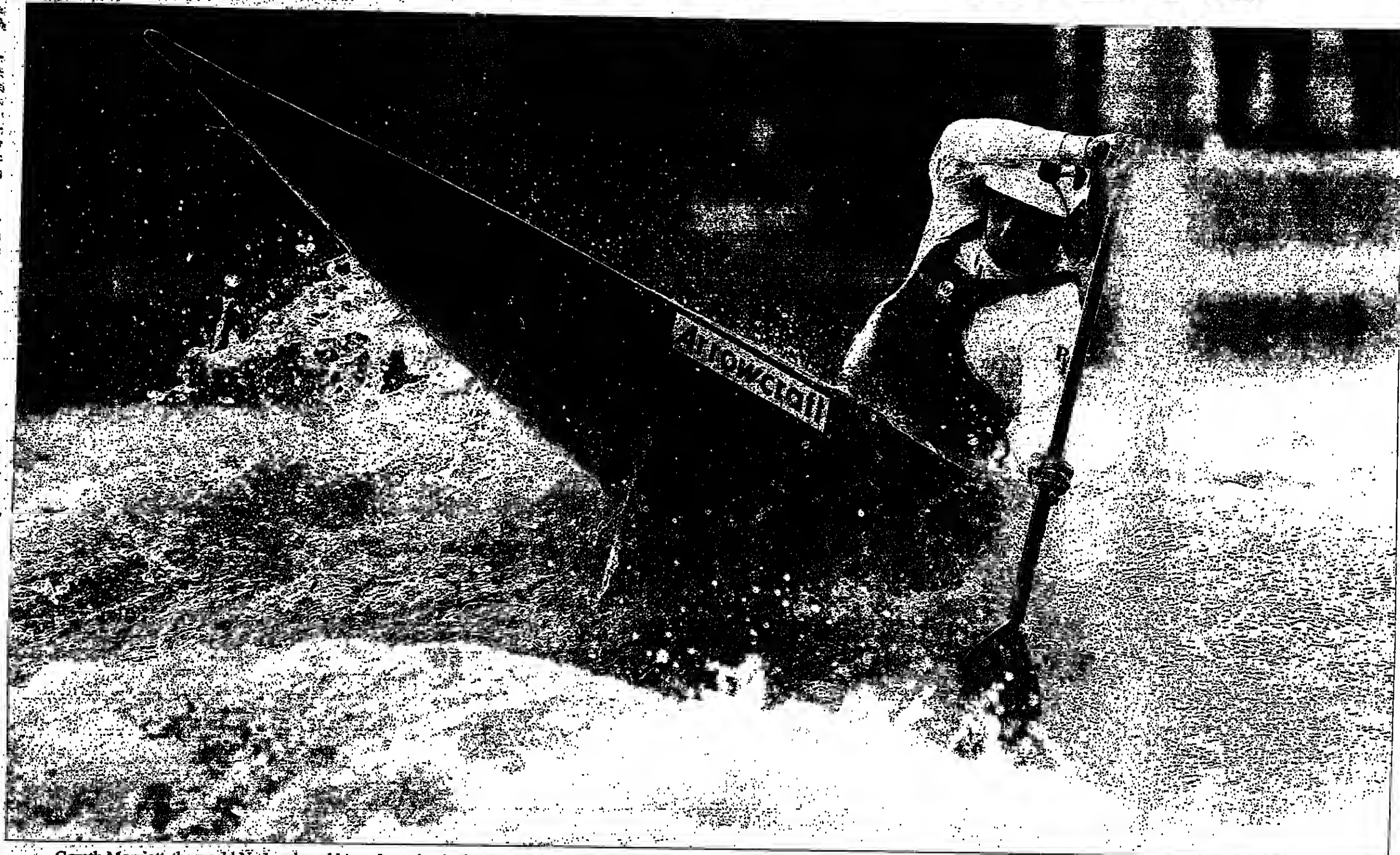
Australia's
hat-trick
hero
swings
into action

GOLF

25

'Unknown'
Canadians
land
Dunhill
triumph

TIMES SPORT



Gareth Marriot, the world No 1 and world cup champion in the canoe class, tackles a slalom run at the national watersports centre at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Newcastle retain unbeaten record with late goal

Howey finds escape route

Newcastle United 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

By ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A GOAL taken by Steve Howey when all seemed lost, a career revived after sickening, persistent groin injury by the same player, emphasised just how much it is spirit that welds together Newcastle United. They are top, just, of the FA Premier League. They are unbeaten, just, after a thorough examination from Blackburn Rovers, and if Newcastle cannot now feel the breath of their pursuers, then they are insensitive.

This was not quite the pulsating match between almost £40 million worth of players that had been envisaged. For one thing, Peter Beardsley, the inspiration of Newcastle's wonderful, galloping start to the season, laboured, his thigh injury so obvious that it was no surprise to anyone when Kevin Keegan, the club's manager, said immediately after the match that Beardsley was being withdrawn from the England party to play Romania on Wednesday.

With Beardsley so hampered, it was as if Newcastle had begun the afternoon's chase with a collapsed lung. Their 34,000 crowd was ready to roar them to another triumph, and yet Blackburn were cleverer. Keegan has not, in six attempts, had a managerial victory over Kenny Dalglish. We could see why.

Rovers had done all the necessary homework. They drove the ball long and early into the spaces behind Hottiger and Beresford, two full backs whose eagerness to advance can be turned to disadvantage. Shearer, thriving with his hunger, his dynamic power and willingness to maraud from centre forward to the flanks, was a Goodyear boy intent on punishing the club where he stood as a youngster on

the Gallowgate End. His example to Cole shone throughout. If you wish to play for England, then an eye for goal, even one that has given Cole 12 goals this season, is only a start.

Shearer demonstrated how much more there is to leading a line, to imprinting his physical presence on a game. Of course it helped Shearer that Keegan's touch in the transfer market is fallible. A fee of £2.7 million for this lumbering centre back is beyond belief. Apart from giving the ball away half a dozen times, Peacock was lucky indeed when, eight minutes from time, he brought down Sherwood from behind. The referee, whose performance became indefensible, ignored both the clear penalty and a red-card offence. Earlier, Mr Lodge had booked

Shearer, Sutton and Warhurst for petty offences, and then only waved the yellow card at Smeick when he blatantly brought down a Blackburn player in his own penalty area. This at least brought the punishment of a goal. Le Saux had threaded the ball through to Wilcox in the 58th minute. Wilcox, for the third time in the game, had capitalised on the absence, through suspension of Albert, when Wilcox darted past Smeick, the goalkeeper, who mixes cat-like reflexes with cataclysmic rushes of blood, dived and took Wilcox at the ankle. Shearer emphatically scored from the penalty.

By then Lee, a player probably about to win his first England cap and acclaimed with the player of the month award before the kick-off, had faded

into his most ineffective game of the season. Always dogged by two opponents, perhaps he was also distracted by the imminent England call.

But perhaps for Lee, for Cole and for Fox, the excuse was Beardsley, who was a virtual passenger. How ironic that Cole had been deemed unfit, with his shin complaint, even to be considered for England, while both Keegan and Terry Venables, the coach to the national side, were prepared to risk Beardsley, an ageing performer with a hip injury.

Yet, in the 62nd minute, Beardsley transcended the afternoon. Lurking towards the edge of the penalty area, he balanced himself immaculately, volleyed sweetly, and Flowers, a regular England goalkeeper in the making, was taken by surprise. A shot of great instinct and beauty floated just wide of his right-hand post.

A glimpse of Beardsley, but no more. Without him, who would save Newcastle? Howey became the answer. This central defender, tall and at ease where Peacock was in disarray, had begun his career as a centre forward. At 22, he might have been challenging for England honours had it not been for the pain, the operations, the near ruin of a groin injury that again bespeaks the pounding that players take in English football.

But Howey was comfortable, alert and ready when a corner from Sellers from the left seemed to be destined for him: it seemed to squirm and bobble its way through a crowded penalty area and when Howey struck it from 12 yards, it took deflections, lastly off Flowers, into the net. Howey disappeared beneath the combined weight of his entire team. Newcastle had escaped.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2) P. Smeick — M. Hoggard, O. Peacock, S. Howey, J. Beresford — R. Fox, R. Lee (sub: P. Wilson, T. Mini, S. Watson, S. Sellers — A. Cole, P. Beardsley.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2) T. Flowers — H. Berg, P. Warhurst, C. Hendry, G. Lo Scau — S. Ripley, M. Adams, T. Shearer, J. Wilcox — A. Shearer, C. Sutton, R. Lee, S. Lodge.



Smeick concedes a penalty by bringing down Wilcox yesterday

Martin has final say

The defending champion and top seed, Michelle Martin, of Australia, won the women's world squash championship yesterday when she beat Cassandra Jackman, of England, in the final at St Peter Port, Guernsey. Page 31

Canada lift the Dunhill

Unfancied Canada pulled off a huge upset yesterday when they won the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's. Dave Barr, Rick Gibson and Ray Stewart claimed a 2-1 victory over America, the holders, in the final. Page 25

Salim denies Australia

Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, scored 237 runs in just under eight hours to deny Australia victory in the second Test match in Rawalpindi. Pakistan, following on 261 runs behind, were eventually dismissed for 537, their best total against Australia at home. Page 24

Put all your debts in one basket

Put your old debts behind you. Clear off credit cards, store accounts, short term loans and overdrafts, with a simple, single loan from us. Easier to manage than those old bills and you may even have extra cash in hand.

Secured against your home, we can advance from £2,000 to £50,000 with the minimum of delay. Apply today.

FIXED RATE OPTION AVAILABLE FOR FIRST 5 YEARS

APR	EXAMPLES		MONTHLY REPAYMENTS		
Variable	Borrow	5 years	10 years	15 years	
11.9% (£10,000 and over)	£10,000	£210.12	£159.68	£115.80	
12.9% (loans under £10,000)	£2,000	£44.77	£29.01	£24.56	

Typical example: If you borrow £5,000 at 12.9% APR secured on your home over 10 years, you will make 120 payments of £2.54 per month, giving a total repayment of £305.20 (reduced on early settlement).

Typical example: If you borrow £5,000 at 12.9% APR secured on your home over 10 years, you will make 120 payments of £25.54 per month, giving a total repayment of £3,065.80 (reduced on early settlement).

YOUR HOME IS AT RISK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT. ALL LOANS SUBJECT TO STATUS.

Call us free on 0800 414100, or post the coupon to the Loan Corporation, Freeport PO Box 3521, BRYANELL, Berks, RG12 1JZ.

Licensed as a Credit Broker by the Office of Fair Trading under the Consumer Credit Act. Written quotations about the terms of our loans are available on request.

POST THIS COUPON FREEPOST TODAY!

To: THE LOAN CORPORATION, FREEPOST, PO Box 3521, BRYANELL, Berks, RG12 1JZ.

I am interested in borrowing £..... over..... years.

My present salary is..... My present balance is.....

Name..... Age.....

Address.....

OR TELEPHONE FREE 0800 414100

THE LOAN CORPORATION

difference

Twiddle for twaddle on the tennis networks

Martina is dead, long live Martina. Or, to put it more precisely, Martina Navratilova is three tournaments away from retirement and women's tennis, sans Navratilova, suits Seles, is badly in need of personalities. Hence the fuss surrounding the arrival of Martina Hingis, 14, on the senior tour.

Newspapers made much of Hingis's debut in Zurich, the terrestrial television channels rather less, marking the occasion with two brief items on the main news programmes. One as she claimed her first professional victory, in the European indoor championship, swiftly followed by another describing her drubbing at the hands of Mary Pierce, for tennis enthusiasts hoping to get in a bit of serious

early star-spotting, it was precious little to go on.

The good news was that one television channel had more than 20 hours of live coverage of the Zurich tournament; the bad news was that it was Eurosport.

Unfair, unfair you cry. Surely the scale of Eurosport's coverage should satisfy any tennis follower. It was there for Hingis's belated debut and for her removal. And it is hardly the satellite channel's fault it was there for the sort of quarter-finals that make tournament organisers and armchair spectators weep, when Navratilova and Pierce were beaten by players of undoubted skill but doubtful charisma.

Nor does my complaint have anything to do with the fact that both the semi-finals and the final, yesterday, be-



MATTHEW BOND
TV ACTION REPLAY

tween Natalia Zvereva and Magdalena Maleeva, were recorded rather than shown live — RTL had acquired those rights. No, my point is that if ever a television channel has the ability to strip a sporting event of its excitement, of its sense of occasion, it is (motor racing apart) Eurosport.

The fact that the commentator, David Mercer, was not actually in Zurich, but in Paris watching a television monitor was all too apparent. When he concentrates Mercer can be

perfectly competent, but in the marathon stints the channel goes in for maintaining concentration in the commentary box can be as difficult as maintaining it on court, particularly without an expert summariser. "One and three-quarter hours on air and the voice is giving out," Mercer croaked midway through the quarter-finals. It was not just his voice — viewers subsequently learnt that he'd just had a ham-and-cheese sandwich for his lunch, that

he'd recently bought a cheap transatlantic flight, that he hadn't enjoyed football's World Cup very much.

To make up for not having a commentator on the spot, someone (and this may be the Swiss broadcaster that provided Eurosport with its pictures) had decided it might be a good idea to turn up the court-side microphones to full. It was not. Serves became rifle shots, coughs thunder claps and the preparatory bouncing of the ball nothing less than an exquisite form of torture.

To catch up with the men's game, I turned to World Tennis, which is made by Trans World International and goes out on Channel 4 very late on Tuesday nights. "Andre Olhovskiy achieved the rare feat of four aces in a row," the disembodied voice of

Nicky Horne told me. Nothing much new there, then.

Adopting Trans World's newsreel style, the programme at times takes itself horribly seriously. "Sergi Bruguera — king of clay, ruler of the red stuff," intoned Horne over suitably majestic music: "Cool ... and coy, Dynamic ... and stylish." Twiddle ... and twaddle, I thought.

Nevertheless, the programme works hard to bring the new master of the modern men's game to life. I for one, however, could have done with an awful lot more on Alberto Berasategui's extraordinary forehead (it's all in the extreme Western grip, apparently) and rather less of the infantile interview of Berasategui by his compatriot and fellow professional, Carlos Costa.

Bryant falls in first qualifying round

DAVID Bryant, who has challenged for the world indoor singles bowls championship every year since it was first played, in 1979, will miss the event in Preston in February, having lost in the first round of the English qualifying competition at Melton Mowbray on Saturday (David Rhys Jones writes).

Barry Jenkins, of Cambridge Parks, was jubilant after his 7-0, 7-1, 5-7, 7-6 victory, but promptly went out to Jamie Mills, of South Forest, who in turn lost to Greg Harlow, of Ely. Harlow lost to Russell Morgan, the 1993 national indoor champion, who earned the right to represent England with a 6-7, 4-7, 7-2, 7-3, 7-3 victory. Bryant, three times world champion, said: "I'm disappointed but I thought I put up a good show after a disastrous start."

Danish racers prevail

CYCLING: Manchester's new velodrome showed its potential as Britain's first permanent indoor track at the eight-nation inaugural meeting on Saturday (Peter Bryan writes). The 250-metre wooden bowl inspired first-class racing that thrilled the sell-out crowd. The joy would have been complete had the Great Britain squad finished overall winners but the non-partisan crowd acknowledged the dominance of Denmark, victors by 12 points from Britain and France, who tied for second place.

Chris Boardman was cheered non-stop as he won his 4,000 metres pursuit against Francis Moreau, of France, whom he trailed until the last kilometre.

Siddall leads way

TENNIS: Great Britain's 21-and-under women's team retained the Manxona Connolly Cup in Colorado Springs on Saturday when Shirl-Anne Siddall, right, beat Anne Miller 4-6, 7-6, 6-3. The United States and Britain entered the final day level at 4-4 in the leading doubles match. Siddall and Mandy Wainwright defeated Karin and Anne Miller 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.



Samuels takes a seat

BASKETBALL: Kurt Samuels is the latest Manchester Giant to fall foul of the coach, Mike Hanks, for losing possession too often (Nicholas Harling writes). Samuels played only one minute in the 65-60 Badweiser League victory over Thames Valley Tigers. Chester Jets surprised Derby Bucks 86-73. The Towers beat Birmingham Bulls and the Leopards defeated Hemel Hempstead Royals.

Partnership broken

SNOOKER: John Higgins, the promising Scottish player, and Ian Doyle, his manager, have agreed to terminate the three-year contract Higgins signed earlier this year. According to Doyle, there was a "bit of a rumour" after Higgins had mislaid his return air ticket from the Dubai Classic, where he was beaten 5-1 by Ronnie O'Sullivan after knocking out Steve Davis in the first round.

Thomson disappointed

BOWLS: Andy Thomson's hopes of a confidence-boosting win in the Flogas Causeway Coast Masters ended in disappointment in Ballymonee yesterday when the world indoor champion was edged out 21-20 by the British champion, Jeremy Henry, of Ireland, in their semi-final after leading 13-8. Alex Marshall, of Scotland, beat Wynne Richards, of England, 21-14 in the other semi-final.

Maske retains crown

BOXING: Henry Maske, right, of Germany, retained his International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight title on Saturday when the American challenger, Iran Barkley, retired at the end of the tenth round. Maske, the Olympic champion at Seoul in 1988, in his fifth title defence, tired Barkley in the opening rounds before going on to the attack in the fifth.



Vaughan chases hard

YACHTING: Niall Vaughan, the Briton competing in the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race, was competing for second place in Class 2 yesterday. Midway through the first stage to Cape Town, Vaughan's 50ft yacht, *Jimrod II*, closed to within 40 miles of his Australian rivals, David Adams and Alan Nebeauer. Isabelle Autissier continues to lead the fleet.

Staines one step ahead

ATHLETICS: Gary Staines won the Bupa Great South Run in Portsmouth for the second successive year yesterday. The Belgrave Harrier, 31, set a United Kingdom best over ten miles of 46min 14sec on the seaside course last year but this time clocked exactly 47 minutes. Staines came home nearly 200 metres clear of Douglas Wakilami, of Kenya, the former world marathon champion.



Salim Malik acknowledges the applause for his double-century, an innings that ended Australia's hopes of winning the second Test and squaring the series.

Fleming's hat-trick comes too late to help Australia

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON
IN RAWALPINDI

WITHOUT scaling the heights of Karachi a week ago, when their last pair transformed a likely defeat into a famous victory, Pakistan again reinvented themselves in the second Test match to achieve a draw that looked beyond them. To level a fascinating series, the Australians must now win the last Test, which begins in Lahore on November 2.

It needed an innings of substance to deny them here and Salim Malik supplied it. One could call it a captain's innings were it not for the fact that his batting far exceeds his captain's rank. His 237, made in seven hours and 40 minutes, is the highest score by a Pakistan batsman against Australia.

Pakistan, who followed on 261 runs adrift, were eventually dismissed for 537, their best total against these opponents in this country. Mark Taylor bowled everyone except Ian Healy, and both he and Michael Slater took a wicket as the joke bowling yielded a couple of laughs. Shane Warne, who went wicketless in an innings for the first time in ten Tests, was not so amused.

Important, though it was, Malik's feat was surpassed by Damien Fleming, the Victorian fast-medium swing bowler, who became the third man in Test

history to take a hat-trick on his debut. Malik was the third of his victims, caught behind off the first ball of Fleming's 24th over after Aamir Malik and Inzamam had fallen to the last two of the 23rd.

During the break for drinks that followed those two wickets, Fleming told his team-mates: "Salim does not know it yet but he's about to become a part of Test history." An excellent outswinger, which the batsman pushed at, proved sufficient to make good that boast.

Fleming took a hat-trick in a youth Test against West Indies and has claimed two in grade cricket. The last Australian to take one in a Test match was his fellow Victorian, Merv Hughes, against West Indies in Perth six years ago. That was a "long distance" job, spread over three overs in two innings.

If the experience of his two predecessors means anything, Fleming's future in Test cricket is

far from assured. Maurice Allom, of Surrey, performed the hat-trick against New Zealand in Christchurch in 1930 but represented England only four times more. Peter Petherick, an off spinner whose moment of glory came at Lahore on the 1976-77 tour, played only six Tests for New Zealand.

In 1969, Allom was elected president of MCC, which is probably more than Fleming can hope to achieve, but he will remember this match with affection.

Taylor, on the other hand, will not be unhappy to leave town. It was his miss at slip, shortly after lunch on Saturday when Malik was 20, that granted the Pakistani a lengthy second life. That drop, and Warne's the previous night when Sohail was nine, eventually cost Australia 280 runs.

There are few better slip-catchers than Taylor but he has now dropped seven chances in three

games on this tour. As he tries to come to terms with the burden of captaincy, the game is finding other ways of catching him out.

As a man who does not always play with a straight bat, or offer the full face of it to the ball, Malik will have his failures. He has enjoyed his successes, too, as a record of 12 Test hundreds indicates. By saving the match he also confirmed his position of captain. When he completed his double-hundred, his colleagues appeared on the balcony in the manner of the comrades outside the Kremlin in the bad old days. They can leave the knives for now, to sharpen them another day.

To be frank, it was not a great achievement to make runs on a pitch so slack and slow that even moderate players could whack Warne off the back foot through extra cover. Pakistan's second innings served to emphasise how abject their batting was the first time around.

The Australians, who could now be two Tests up, need not despair. Pakistan's overall performance here has raised further doubts about their balance. Mushtaq bowled abominably. Fazal and Inzamam are flawed batsmen. Malik clearly does not trust his men to bat on pitches that would assist Wasim and Waqar. Which means he does not really trust himself. A scared captain can never make a good one.

RAWALPINDI SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings 521 for new class (M J Slater 110)	
M J Slater not out	110
M J Slater b Warne	6
D C Boon not out	7
Total (1 wkt)	14
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0	
BOWLING: Warne 10-0-5-2-1, Rees 2-0-11-0, Slater 2-0-0, Mushtaq 1-0-1-0	
PAKISTAN: First innings 261 (Aamir Malik 80, McDermott 4-74, Fleming 4-75)	
Second innings	
Salim Malik not out	237
Aamir Malik b M E Waugh	75
Aamir Malik b M E Waugh	75



Fleming's feat earned him a hug from Angel. Photograph: Muzammil Pasha

How the PROS AVOID THE CONS.



If you're a PC user who makes computer decisions in business, let us introduce you to your new partner, PC Pro.

PC Pro is a new magazine dedicated to PC users like yourself who need clear, concise information.

PC Pro is much more than the usual buyer's guide. It features lab tests backed by thorough analysis, news, sneak previews of leading edge technology, rigorous product reviews and tips from the experts.

PC Pro will act as a provocative industry forum and promises to be a compelling read. If you use a PC, you need PC Pro.

For more information call our Freephone Hotline now on 0800 106000. At your local newsagents NOW.

READ ALL ABOUT IT.

Barr plays vital anchor role as underdogs conquer United States in Alfred Dunhill Cup final

Stewart unlikely hero in Canada's 100-1 cup triumph

COME IN No. 452. Your time has come.

In the final of the tenth Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews yesterday, Ray Stewart, a British Columbian sojourning that fellow countrymen in Nova Scotia had barely heard of him and the rest of the world certainly had not, defeated Fred Couples in complete an unlikely 2-1 victory for Canada over the United States.

Canada, 100-1 outsiders at the beginning of the tournament, had never reached even the semi-finals in eight previous visits to the home of golf and only Dave Barr, the team captain, who beat Tom Kite, yet another victim of the Road Hole, had even been here before.

Barr lost to Ernie Els, the US Open champion, in the semi-final against South Africa but Stewart and Rick Gibson both had rounds of 70, to outplay David Frost and Wayne Westner.

"I'm thrilled to death. It's the highlight of my career," Stewart said — and that was pre-Couples. The former US Masters champion and former world No. 1, is now ranked sixth in the world, 446 places above Stewart, who is No. 452, inhabiting the sort of no-hoper territory traditionally reserved for British tennis players.

Couples, who lost to Darren Clarke in the US's defeat by Ireland in the group matches, might not have been at his imperious best throughout the week but yesterday morning he played well enough for a 68 that was too good for Howard Clark, the England captain.

Unlike Clark, Stewart started like a man possessed and after birdie three at the first two holes, he was three strokes ahead of Couples, who

Patricia Davies sees a former Masters

champion come unstuck against a player ranked 446 places below him

had dropped a shot at the second. He was still three ahead with five to play but with Curtis Strange in total charge against Gibson — the former double US Open champion was on his way in a 67 — and Barr nipping and nucking with Tom Kite, Stewart's lack of any previous form led to a dearth of conviction about his ability to last.

The 41-year-old Canadian did bogey the long 14th but it was Couples who missed a short putt at the 16th to fall three behind again and when Stewart did no worse than a five at the 17th, which had caused the demise of Kite, he was almost able to enjoy the sweetest dream in golf — walking up the 18th at St Andrews in triumph. He and his team-mates won £100,000 each, the sort of purse that had not featured in any of their career earnings before.

Of course, Stewart did not



Strange unbeaten

win the trophy on his own. Although Gibson, a 32-year-old from Calgary, who plays most of his golf in the Far East, lost to Strange, the winner of all five of his matches, he had enough character to win three successive matches after the buffering of an opening 85 on Thursday.

It was Barr who anchored the team, defeating Nick Price, the world No. 1 and Bernhard Langer, the world No. 4, before pipping Kite. The crucial hole, as so often, was the 17th. Barr, who had led by three at one stage, was just one ahead. His second shot was short of the green, safe but with a bogey five always likely.

Kite, 195 yards from the pin, selected a four-iron — he knew it was the right club because in the morning he had hit it on to the green from 196 yards. "I wanted to hit a high draw," the Texan said, "and I hit it dead on, solid but it went straight and never drew."

Worse, it bounced on the road, over the wall — to the delight of the crowd who were rooting shamelessly for the underdogs — and out of bounds. Kite then hit the four-iron on to the green and took six. He birdied the last, to make Barr's two-putt for par look massive but not massive enough.

In the semi-finals, England's trio, all unbeaten hitherto, all lost, expiration rather than inspiration being their lot over the opening holes against the Americans. Mark Roe was four strokes behind Kite, who was two under par, after three

holes; Clark was three behind Couples after three and Barry Lane trailed Strange, who was also two under, by three after three.

Even over the Old Course, with the Road Hole lurking in everyone's thoughts, it is not the sort of start to concede to men with four major championships and a myriad of lesser titles between them.

Roe and Lane recovered to make a real battle of it but Clark, round in 65 on Saturday, suffered the almost inevitable reaction and admitted to being "rattled" when he found his ball in a divot hole twice in the first three holes.

The rub of the green is one of those golfing concepts that

Clark, now 40, still finds it hard to come to terms with and he admitted he was not really looking forward to returning here for the Open next year.

"I play this course," he said, "and I can think of only one hole, the 17th. I've done it so many times. I think I missed the hole on the right in the Open one year and took eight — and missed the cut by one."

That is the mark of a great hole — it preys on the mind of the players, who know it can make or break their score and it is the Road Hole that sustains the excitement and the tension to the very end, be it Dunhill Cup or Open championship.



Gibson, who gained an important semi-final victory for Canada, follows the flight of his tee-shot at the 2nd hole at St Andrews yesterday

DETAILS FROM ST ANDREWS

Saturday									
GROUP ONE									
United States 3	New Zealand 0	United States names first: T Kite 69 to G West 71; C Strange 69 to F Noble 70; F Couples 72 to G Turner 74.							
Japan 1	Ireland 2	Japan names first: Y Matsuda 64 to P Watson 70; T Matsuyama 72 lost to P McInnes 70; N Sawada 76 lost to O Clarke 70.							
United States 3	Ireland 0	United States names first: J L Quay 77 lost to M A Jones 73; J Van de Ven 67 to J Brown 70; M Breen 69 to M A Martin 73.							
United States 3	Ireland 0	United States names first: J L Quay 77 lost to M A Jones 73; J Van de Ven 67 to J Brown 70; M Breen 69 to M A Martin 73.							
GROUP TWO									
France 2	Spain 1	France names first: J L Quay 77 lost to M A Jones 73; J Van de Ven 67 to J Brown 70; M Breen 69 to M A Martin 73.							
Australia 0	England 3	Australia names first: R Allenby 71 lost to B Lane 66; S Edgington 69 lost to H Clark 65; G Norman 72 lost to M Roe 69.							
GROUP THREE									
Taiwan 2	Paraguay 1	Taiwan names first: C Tse-chung 74 lost to R Fries 72; Y Cheng-yung 75 to A Franco 76; C Tse-ming 72 to C Franco 73.							
South Africa 2	Scotland 1	South Africa names first: W Westner 72 lost to A Colbat 70; E Els 68 to G Brand 70; O Frost 71 to C Montgomerie 74.							
GROUP FOUR									
Germany 1	Canada 2	Germany names first: G Senes 72 to R Stewart 72 at 13th; A Colsa 73 lost to R Oosen 69; G Langer 70 lost to O Barr 69.							
Zimbabwe 2	Sweden 1	Zimbabwe names first: A Jonsson 70 to G Hybertson 73; N							
FINAL									
United States 3	Canada 2	United States names first: T Kite 69 to M Roe 70; F Couples 69 to H Clark 74; C Strange 70 to B Lane 71.							
South Africa 1	Canada 2	South Africa names first: D Frost 75 lost to R Stewart 70; W Westner 74 lost to R Gibson 70; E Els 68 to D Barr 72.							
SEMIFINALS									
United States 3	England 0	United States names first: T Kite 69 to M Roe 70; F Couples 69 to H Clark 74; C Strange 70 to B Lane 71.							
United States 3	Canada 2	United States names first: T Kite 69 to M Roe 70; F Couples 69 to H Clark 74; C Strange 70 to B Lane 71.							
United States 3	Canada 2	United States names first: T Kite 69 to M Roe 70; F Couples 69 to H Clark 74; C Strange 70 to B Lane 71.							

Great Britain and Ireland second as American team charges home

THE United States won the world amateur team championship at Golf National at La Boute, outside Paris, by the impressive margin of 11 strokes from Great Britain and Ireland yesterday. The American team, a potent mixture of youth and experience, totalled 23 under par. Sweden were third, six strokes behind Great Britain and Ireland.

The victory will go some way towards relieving the embarrassment that the United States team suffered in 1992, when it led by seven strokes with nine holes to play but then finished seven strokes behind New Zealand. This was the tenth victory by the Americans in all and the first since 1982.

The large margin of victory was brought about by a strong late comeback by the American golfers. They held a one-stroke lead overnight from Great Britain and Ireland only to start very poorly. Allen Doyle went to the turn in 40, four over par and three

John Hopkins sees the United States take the Eisenhower Trophy for the first time since 1982

strokes worse than Great Britain and Stephen Gallacher, of Ireland, Todd Denney took two strokes more than Lee James, the amateur champion, on the front nine. John Harris, who played for the United States in last year's Walker Cup team, and the Scot, Gordon Sherry, both went out in 35, one under par, while Eldrick "Tiger" Woods and Western Bennett were level on level par.

At that point, Great Britain and Ireland had regained the lead, but it did not last long. Doyle began to play some inspired golf, producing four birdies and an eagle in seven holes to come back in 30 and go round in 70. This remarkable turnaround, which included chipping in from 30 feet on one hole and sinking a snaking, downhill 25-foot putt on another, was good enough

to earn him the individual prize with a 72-hole total of 277, ten under par.

"My job was to hold the team together," Doyle, 46, said. After a terrible start, in which he dropped a stroke on the first hole and three strokes on the second, he went on to do just that: "I had to help the team as much as I could," Doyle, who was the first American to start, added.

Gallacher did not know what had hit him as he watched Doyle, a man more than twice his age with a funny swing, take advantage of some good fortune. "One minute I was two or three strokes ahead and our team was two or three strokes behind," Gallacher said. "The next minute I was behind and so was the rest of the team."

Great Britain and Ireland did not help their cause at all by the way all four team members hit into the water that is such a feature of L'Albatros course on the homeward half. Gallacher did it on the 18th, sending his second over the back of the green, and so did James. Gallacher finished with a 74, James a 75.

Gordon Sherry found water on the 15th for the third day in a row, although this time it was from the tee. His scores on this 395-metre hole for the three rounds played at this course were six, eight and five, seven over par in all.

Any chance that Great Britain and Ireland had of threatening the Americans disappeared when Bennett, playing last with Tiger Woods, hit his second shot into the water on the 15th. This one errant stroke cost Bennett any chance of the individual title. His last round

Other golf scores Page 32

of 74, his worst of the week, meant that he finished second, four strokes behind Doyle. "We didn't put up much of a fight," James said. "If we had all played well then we would not have had much trouble with the Americans."

And so ended three weeks of fine golf in France — first the Lancôme Trophy, then the women's and now the men's world amateur team championships. All three were played in glorious sunshine and for this, the excellent golf, not to mention the food and the wine of the French capital, one can only say merci.

ONE DOG AND HIS MAN



Woods: 18-year-old American went round in 72 yesterday

LEICA'S GOLD & SILVER

- 1 United States (J Harris 67, A Doyle 70, E Woods 72, T Denney 80), 85.
- 2 Great Britain and Ireland (G Sherry 71, S Gallacher 74, W Bennett 74, L James 76), 84.
- 3 Sweden (M Lundberg, K Erik, F Jacobson, E Calberg) 85.
- 4 Australia (J Davies, L Peterson, B Partridge, G Chambers) 88.
- 5 New Zealand (M Brown, S Brito, M Whitehouse, S Allen), 89.
- 6 Spain (G Cera, F Cera, F Valera, F de Pablo), 86.
- 7 Belgium (J Boeckx, N Todtenhaupt, D de Vooght, N Vanhooft), 89.
- 8 Austria (M Brör, P Menck-Karbach, R Sailer, N Zilly), and Holland, 87.
- 10 Canada (S Decorsio, W Sze, R McMillan, S Hamilton), 88.

INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS: 1 A Doyle (US), 277; 2 W Bennett (GB), 281; 3 L James (GB), 282; 4 F Jacobson (Swe), 283; 5 M Brown (NZ), 284; 6 Other British (G Sherry, S Gallacher), 285.

FOR BIRDIES AND EAGLES AT WENTWORTH



LEICA's pocket-size, lightweight binoculars are ideal for holidays, sports events, theatres and general viewing. Excellent optics, extreme durability and classic values of quality, simplicity and distinctive design. Binoculars are for life! From £229 (RRP) at your LEICA dealer.



LEICA mini zoom: A lightweight autofocus compact camera with razor sharp zoom lens for the creative camera user. From £255 (RRP).

Leica

The freedom to see.

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____

Be comfortable with who you are. Hush Puppies

Hush Puppies "Talon" £35.00. For details of your nearest stockists, please call 0500 84 84 quoting reference THS.

Hirst's revival gives United much to explain away



Hirst aggressive

IS MANCHESTER United's FA Carling Premiership crown slipping? On Saturday, at one of their favourite grounds, they suffered their third successive away defeat after a goal from David Hirst gave Sheffield Wednesday their first home win of the season.

Last season, United lost only three away games in the Premiership. To have lost an equal number by the second Saturday in October does not bode well, but the double-holders received support from the opposition.

"Newcastle may be bombing at the moment, but Manchester United are still the team to beat. I still think they'll win it," John Sheridan, the Wednesday midfielder player, said.

Trevor Francis, his manager, pointed to the absence of Cantona, Kanchelskis and Giggs.

Yet the three had played in the defeat at Ipswich Town and Leeds United, and Alex Ferguson, the

United manager, was not convinced. "We're not giving ourselves a proper chance at the moment," he said. "Two years ago [when United won the championship] we didn't start playing until the end of October. If we can keep near to the ones at the top until December we'll be all right. We can come with a charge then, when we're free of commitments in the European Champions' League."

But keeping close to Newcastle United and Blackburn Rovers may prove difficult. "We should be getting better results than we are at the moment," Ferguson said. "At Ipswich we had so much pressure, we had 25 strikes on goal and came away beaten 3-2 today, we've missed three or four really tremendous opportunities in the first half. And if you don't win these games you don't really deserve it."

On Saturday, they could have had the game won at the interval instead

Peter Ball on a 1-0 defeat that raises questions about the champions' well-being

of being caught out on the stroke of half-time, but for all their superiority something of a malaise was apparent. The cutting edge was missing but so, it appeared, was the collective passion. Ince's hunger remained as keen as ever. Pallister was outstanding. Gillespie made an excellent Premiership debut and Keane, in his penultimate game before a hernia operation, drove forward with little sign of injury. Others were not as impressive.

Even so, with Ince urging them forward and Gillespie turning Nolan regularly, chances came. Pressman saved at point-blank range from Hughes's volley. McClair and Ince

shot over from good positions and, when Gillespie did put the ball in the net, his joy was dashed by a flag for offside.

Then Hirst intervened with a tribute to Francis's psychology. A shadow of his former self against Manchester City, two weeks on the substitutes' bench had concentrated the mind. His recall against the club that tried to buy him for £3.5 million two years ago turned the key.

Hirst's chance came when Nolan recovered to dispossess Gillespie. Suddenly, United were over-stretched, and Bart-Williams sent Hirst clear to advance on Schmeichel.

"Two years ago I'd have expected him to finish that chance," Francis said. "The way he's been playing this season I wasn't so sure. But he tucked it away like the player he was two years ago."

With that goal, his fifth in nine

matches against United, Hirst began to perform as he had done before an appalling series of injuries took two years out of his career.

Fast, strong and aggressive in the best way, he gave Bruce and Pallister at the heart of United's defence, a testing afternoon, and on the back of his excellence Wednesday grew in stature to earn their victory.

"I felt 99 per cent back to what I was. I couldn't pick out a match in the last two years which gave me as much pleasure as this one," Hirst confessed. If he is equally motivated against Ipswich next week, Wednesday's move up the table may begin in earnest.

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K. Pressman — P. Atkinson, A. Foster, D. Walker, I. Nelson — C. Bart-Williams (sub: J. Taylor, 65min), J. Sheridan, G. Hyde, I. Bruce — O. Hart, M. Bright (sub: G. Watson, 58).
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-3-3): P. Schmeichel — P. Parkes (sub: O. May, 65), S. Bruce, G. Pallister, D. Keane — R. Ince, P. McClair, S. McClair — K. Gillespie (sub: P. Schmeichel, 70), M. Hughes, I. Sharp.
Referee: P. Danson

Efficient Arsenal exploit tactical weakness

Wimbledon 1
Arsenal 3

By ALYSON RUDD

IN THE heat of the Southland Indian summer, Arsenal and Wimbledon continued their version of cowboys and Indians. Arsenal rode roughshod over Selhurst Park, leaving the home side in desperate need of reinforcement and a change of campaign tactics.

This was not a one-off. Certainly Wimbledon have injury problems and missed, in particular, Robbie Earle who scored 15 goals last season. But Arsenal consistently have the measure of Wimbledon and have scored 34 League goals against them — more than any other side.

Of course, it ought to be that way. Arsenal are the biggest club, the European Cup-Winners Cup holders. But Wimbledon, usually, have no respect for a team's pedigree. If anything they feed off the opposition's superiority, suffocating the areas of play the opposition like to call their own. But it is difficult to spoil Arsenal's play because there is really nothing on offer to spoil. On Saturday, with Steve Bould back from injury and Paul Merson out through injury, Arsenal were arguably fielding their most effective side: a competent defence, a

Full results and league tables Page 28

dull but energetic midfield and an exceptional forward.

If Wimbledon stood any chance at all, it would have been by stifling Ian Wright. They had neither the wit, the skill, nor the pace. Their common sense failed them when they tried to play Wright offside in the 12th minute. Seaman's goal kick cleared the midfield and fooled everyone but Wright who put Arsenal ahead as Wimbledon looked in vain for a flag on the touchline.

Wright made Arsenal's second goal. Shielding the ball from Reeves close to the touchline, he appeared to have reached a dead end. But he turned suddenly and fired in a shot that bounced off the upright and off Segers, leaving Smith to see it over the goal line.

However, George Graham, the Arsenal manager, saved his praise for Kevin Campbell who scored Arsenal's third — after clearly controlling the ball with his hand before shooting. Graham has been talking up Campbell for quite some time, ever since the cyclist point out. Andy Cole came into form at Newcastle United. Graham let Cole go three years ago, seeing more potential in Campbell.

Wimbledon as a team did not believe in themselves during this encounter. Two expected new signings this week will boost fire power and perhaps success in the campaign to redevelop Plough Lane would boost morale.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H. Segers — W. Bilton, S. Figgard, A. Reeves, A. Kilduff — P. Foster, G. Ekins, M. Jones, M. Goss (sub: A. Thorn, 60min) — O. Hoddinott, M. Harford (sub: M. Arley, 64).
ARSENAL (4-4-2): N. Seaman — M. Jackson (sub: G. Smith, 65), O. Wotton (sub: Durrant, 45), O. Wotton, O. Burrows — G. Rowell, S. Mervin, J. Robinson, A. Hinchcliffe — D. Amokachi, P. Dickson.
Referee: G. Ashby (sub: S. Tomlin, 45)

Le Tissier sparkles as Southampton add to beleaguered manager's worries

Pressure on Walker sharpened by defeat



David Miller says the manager of Everton did little to further his cause in a 2-0 reverse at The Dell

IF Everton's play was half as sharp as the way Mike Walker has taken to dressing nowadays, they might not be rooted at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership table. They were horribly exposed at The Dell by Le Tissier and an enthusiastic Southampton team which in truth is less able than Everton made them appear.

The moment may have arrived when Le Tissier — in my mind similar to Rodney Marsh, but a superior goalscorer, and likened by Alan Ball to George Best — will for the first time earn an England starting place on Wednesday. Yet Southampton's pleasure in climbing to seventh place unsurprisingly carries less attention than the gloom surrounding once great Everton.

Huge financial promotion — the reward for walking out on a fine team at Norwich City — has clearly gone to Walker's head, while contradictorily relegating his ability to manage stricken Everton. His attire on Saturday was an *arriviste's* parody, more home-of-Gucci than Goodison: claret silk handkerchief overflowing from breast pocket, and a necktie load enough for Julian Clary. Ball, the Southampton manager, who can remember when Everton were a real team, by contrast came to the post-match conference looking like a football man, sweat-soaked and shorts, the style Walker used to have at Carrow Road.

Ball seemed even more embarrassed at Everton's plight than Walker, who talked without apparent guilt about the transparent poverty of the team work, for which he is responsible, smiling all the while with the self-confidence of someone sitting on a con-

tract which, if terminated, will keep him in silk ties for some time.

We know that Merseyside is the home of football wit, yet it was something of a shock to hear Walker saying, Tarbuck-style, that if he had been playing "at least I might have run around and kicked a few, and got a red card".

If Walker is as yet unaware, someone should tell him that is not what Everton are famous for. The expectation is that Peter Johnson, the chairman, who on Saturday took refuge on his yacht, may terminally tell Walker quite soon. Walker hardly assisted his own case by saying of Everton's performance: "There is nothing you can do about it."

Well, no, not after 3 o'clock on match day, but what about pre-season training? Everton look if anything more inept than when they escaped relegation six months ago and are 11 games without a win.

Walker rattled off his team's shortcomings afterwards like a garage mechanic itemising failures on an old

Frankly he was right, though the analysis says little for him. Everton's passing was woeful. Their marking often non-existent, and there exists that unmistakable symptom of a team on the slide, in which nobody wants the ball. Amokachi did but too often attempting and needing to play alone, was regularly dispossessed.

There was little support for the man on the ball, and it was not until Durrant, one of the chairman's new acquisitions from Rangers, replaced the injured Watson at half-time — Parkinson switching from

midfield to centre back — that Everton found a flickering flame. Durrant did things beyond the ambition — or confidence — of Rowett,

Walker: under threat



Le Tissier, who scored Southampton's second goal, embraces the mood of optimism at The Dell during their victory over Everton

bang's MOT: down to basics, not good enough, as bad as we've seen, no excuses, didn't deserve anything, will continue [at the bottom] if we play like that, decent for 18 minutes until they scored. And so on.

Like Marsh, like Best, Le Tissier can be exasperating. This was his tenth goal of the season, and he has made almost as many, including the first against Everton for Ekelund after 19 minutes. Yet

Samways or Hinchcliffe, and provided a life-raft to which Everton clung until the second goal, by Le Tissier after 72 minutes, finally sank them.

Like Marsh, like Best, Le Tissier can be exasperating. This was his tenth goal of the season, and he has made almost as many, including the first against Everton for Ekelund after 19 minutes. Yet

be has that loping, almost casual style that can give the impression he is achieving less than he might; never mind that the crowd give mock salaams every time he takes a corner.

Ball, whose managerial career may be finally taking off after 14 years touring Blackpool, Portsmouth, Colchester, Stoke and Exeter, says Le Tissier will never beat

opponents with the same style as Best, but has the capacity if given freedom to roam and unhinge teams in the same way. Moreover, he knows how good he is and he needs a chance [with England]. Ball said, sitting alongside the most skilful England striker since the even more frustrating Waddle.

Le Tissier thinks that, if

Southampton increases the case in Le Tissier's favour.

Everton did indeed play adequately for a quarter of an hour or so and might have scored after a few minutes when Kilduff came in strongly on a free kick by Samways, the resulting three-way collision with Grobbelaar and Benali resulting in Benali's head colliding with

Southall. This marvellous long-time servant of Everton's in goal has now, I suspect, become something of a liability, and his replacement is probably central to Everton's survival.

Southampton now dominated the match without ever being brilliant. Dowie up front looks best when he is under pressure and given no time to think. Time and space merely confuse him. In the first quarter of an hour of the second half Southampton could have added three or four before Heaney's cross from the left — one of many that had Everton in a quandary — was beaten out to Le Tissier who carefully picked his spot beyond Southall's reach.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-3): B. Grobbelaar (sub: O. Beasant, 45min) — J. Kearns, K. Morris, F. Benali, S. O'Neill, M. Hinchcliffe, J. Mungton, N. Heaney — M. Le Tissier, I. Dowie, I. Beakland.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N. Seaman — M. Jackson (sub: G. Smith, 65), O. Wotton (sub: Durrant, 45), O. Wotton, O. Burrows — G. Rowell, S. Mervin, J. Robinson, A. Hinchcliffe — D. Amokachi, P. Dickson.
Referee: S. Hill

'Walker talked without apparent guilt about the transparent poverty of the Everton teamwork'

Evans lifts darkness at Anfield

Liverpool 3
Aston Villa 2

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

ON HOME match days, the Liverpool supporters continue to pay their respects to those who died at Hillsborough on April 15, 1989. They pause at the stone memorial by the Anfield Road gates, peer at the 96 names — from Jon-Paul Gilhooley, 10, to Gerard Barrow Senior, 67 — and recall, in respectful tones, how they felt and how they coped.

Though it still hurts, the years have dulled the pain. Hillsborough, and Hyslop, are etched deep in Merseyside football lore and will never be forgotten. The memorial flame burns forever. Yet the darkness, for many has lifted and light has resumed. Like the Spion Kop, reconstruction is onwards and upwards. It is time to move on.

On home match days, Anfield is now vibrant with expectation. The blight of two seasons without European competition, a legacy of the trouble and strife of Graeme Souness, has been erased.

On Saturday, in the FA Carling Premiership, the

opening 30 minutes reverberated to Liverpool in their pomp. Shades of the Seventies revisited, when those who dared tread on the Anfield turf were summarily dismissed. McManaman jinked and danced, almost inviting the tackle before merrily skipping past it; Fowler darted in diagonals and at pace; Molby stroled and controlled.

The directors' box, full of instantly recognisable faces, looked on in admiration. The England coach, Terry Venables, made complimentary notes and quickly drafted in McManaman for his squad to face Romania at Wembley on Wednesday. Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premier League, purred at the Premiership product before him.

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was proud to be among rampant reds — not for the first time during the week — and Stan Boardman, the comedian, chuckled out all his old Anfield jokes. A heady half-hour, with Aston Villa willing yet outclassed accomplices in a splendid show.

Goals had to follow such anxiety and Bouchie, the Villa goalkeeper, experienced momentary madness when handling Townsend's twentieth-

minute back-pass. He tried to extricate himself from the mess by attempting to chest the ball as he dived horizontal to the ground, but his hands were ruled to have made contact. Ruddock's free kick from 12 yards scorched through the defensive wall.

Six minutes later Fowler drove home a stray ball after a shot from Jones had been charged down.

"We then stopped doing the simple things," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. Not the most enlightening of assessments but Evans, the former boy from the boot room, can now impart such obvious



McManaman: call-up

judgments without a hint of scorn. His standing, as Liverpool have swept into a top four place, is growing with every point.

As Liverpool stood back and admired their handiwork, Whittingham poached a goal back before the break. After it, too, Liverpool were subdued. Villa striving valiantly for parity. Once Fowler had clipped in his ninth goal in ten games, though, it was as you were.

Rush was replaced because of recurring knee trouble, which will keep him out of Wales' European championship qualifier in Moldova on Wednesday, and Staunton's late stab into an empty net, after Scales, Ruddock and James had boomed in unison, was equally insignificant to the outcome.

Too early, perhaps, to talk of titles and trophies yet Evans's engine is running in smoothly. Out of the darkness emerges a new order.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): D. Jones — R. Jones, J. Scowen, M. Ruddock, P. Beal — S. McManaman, J. Molloy, J. Barnes, S. Brown — I. Rush (sub: J. Redknapp, 70min), R. Fowler.
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M. Bouchie — E. Boret, U. Ekeogu, P. McGrath, S. Staunton — B. Houghton (sub: N. Campbell, 70min), G. Palmer, A. Townsend (sub: P. King, 31), G. Jones — O. Saunders, G. Whittingham.
Referee: P. Burge

Woan rewards Forest's resilience

Manchester City 3
Nottingham Forest 3

By KERRI PIKE

WINNING football matches against inferior opposition can be habit-forming — and a lot of fun — but having to save them when the clock is over-running and the home team's supporters are baying is a far greater barometer of a team's potential, and Nottingham Forest suggested strongly on Saturday that they are no fair-weather friends.

Ninety minutes had elapsed at Maine Road when Forest, twice ahead but now 3-2 behind, worked the ball down Manchester City's right flank. Lomas, City's young Northern Ireland international midfielder player, had the chance to clear but, betrayed by his inexperience, instead chose to take on Bohinen and ended up having to foul him. It was the opportunity Forest had been waiting for. Pearce's free kick was half cleared, Dibble, the City goalkeeper, was left marooned and dazed in a chaotic penalty area, and Woan, the Forest substitute, fresh and quick-witted, lobbed the ball back into an unguarded net.

So, to the attributes of discipline, which got Forest back into the FA Carling Premiership at the first time of asking last season, and flair, which Bryan Roy's arrival has quadrupled, can be added resilience. Frank Clark, Forest's manager, preferred the word "character".

Whatever it is, it is a powerful combination, one that has seen them come through their first nine Premiership games without defeat and within touching distance of Newcastle United, the leaders. Portsmouth were the last team to beat Forest, 21 matches and nearly seven months ago.

Can it last? Let us hope so. Forest still represent much of what is good about English football. Heavier grounds will do them no favours, their last line of defence remains suspect, and if life after Brian Clough has proved rewarding enough, life without Bryan (Roy) threatens to handicap them.

The slim and sprightly Dutch striker, such a devastating foil to the rampaging Collymore in Forest's attack, was on international duty at the weekend and is likely to miss around one sixth of their remaining league games for

the same reason. Their match-winning potential will inevitably suffer.

It did here: Forest reverting to a five-man midfield that all too often left Collymore isolated and frustrated, even if he did score twice. It was that sort of occasion — exciting and unpredictable, but full of anomalies: Lomas hero and villain; Brightwell, Collymore's marker, praised in all quarters for his performance yet disconsolate afterwards; Forest so much more sure-footed and organised in defence than City yet giving away two horrendous goals.

Collymore seemed to have won the game for Forest, first when his deflected close-range shot gave them the lead after City's left flank had been sliced open with embarrassing ease, and then when Cressley's punt and Dibble's

inexplicable dalliance on his line allowed him to make it 2-1 early in the second half.

Each time, though, Quinn, that most awkward and persevering of customers, dragged his team back on terms as Forest proved themselves to be no mugs in the shoddy defending stakes.

When Quinn's brilliant chest-down from Hill's cross allowed Lomas to lash home the goal of the match with 70 minutes gone, another home win beckoned for a team so fluent on its own patch, so feeble on its travels. Forest, though, just would not lie down.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-4-2): A. Dibble — R. Egan, I. Brightwell, A. Hill, T. Fisher — N. Southern, S. Lomas, G. Pickett, P. Beagle — P. Walsh, N. Quinn.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): M. Cressley — A. Hill, S. Lomas, G. Cooper, S. Pearce — S. Shaw, I. Bohinen, G. Phillips, S. Campbell (sub: J. Lee, 70min), B. Clark (sub: W. A. Smith).
Referee: P. Durrant

fantasy football

fantasy football

Lack of cohesion undermines Ardiles's side

Tottenham draw little comfort from equality

Tottenham Hotspur 1
Queens Park Rangers ... 1

BY SIMON BARNES

IF Tottenham are such a great attacking team, how come they don't score goals? There is a mystery about Tottenham, as there is about all football teams, a question of team and managerial chemistry (or is it physics?), and on Saturday, despite a flamboyant, almost frenzied commitment to attack, the best they could manage was a 1-1 draw with Queens Park Rangers.

Well, perhaps you will imagine they dominated the game, created thousands of chances, goalies played a blinder, could have been 4-3; rich entertainment, all courage and panache.

But Tottenham did not dominate the game, neither psychologically nor territorially. Then did Rangers play the spoiling game, ten men behind the ball, then all rushing forward for offence? Not a bit of it — they played with a lot of dash and can consider themselves unlucky not to win.

Tottenham are tenth in the table, and the manager, Osvaldo Ardiles, is supposed to be in ever-present fear of losing his job. That added a vulture-like relish to the game. His two Romanian players were absent, on international duty against France, but Ardiles still selected a side in his most gung-ho formation.

Even after a double sending-off, he gave us still more of the same thing: no faulting his nerve. The Rangers line-leader, Ferdinand, had been getting increasingly upset at the lack of protection he was getting against a robust Tottenham defence and, in the end, he and the centre back, Scott, had to go after an undisciplined flare-up.

Rangers kept four at the back; Ardiles kept only his remaining three. Why, then, were Tottenham not all over Rangers? That is surely what should have happened. Especially as Tottenham have one of the world's great marksmen in Klinsmann. A ten-a-side game should have had them rattling in four or five. If the country's greatest attacking



Ardiles: adventurous



Klinsmann: isolated

side — that is the way they were billed at the start of the season — cannot make hay against the likes of a depleted Queens Park Rangers at home, what is the point of them?

You can talk footballing technicalities: say the shape is wrong, they need more width, they need a dominant personality in midfield to lock-pick defences. But the real problem is not technical at all: it is to do with the eternal mystery of a team, the manager and the moment.

Dominating all Tottenham thought is the urge to feed Klinsmann and wait for the miracle. As a ploy, it is not hard to predict, and predictability is seldom hard to counter. Particularly when the miracle-worker is short on support: sorry, Jürgen, we expected a miraculous goal: we weren't ready for the pass.

But one feels for Ardiles. He was prepared to go out and dare, but the dashing 3-4 victories have not come. Instead, the sense of vulnerability has spread from the back

and it now pervades the whole side. There is a lack of purpose. They did not dominate the game: they only threw men at it. Swagger has become frenzy.

Tottenham offered, in short, a sophisticated version of hit-and-hope. There was nothing cohesive about them, no strong argument, nor real case: only rhetoric. They offer style without content. Alas, mere good intentions are never enough. Sending-offs achieved, the first thing their three-man back-line permitted was a lofted cross from Sinclair that gave Impey a free header: one down.

Tottenham's incoherent second half brought plenty of running about, but very few shots, still fewer on target. With Tottenham, the foreplay never ends.

The goal that keeps the crisis on the simmer rather than on the boil came with 11 minutes to go. Klinsmann set it up with one of his gravity-defying hang-time headers, and Bamby lifted the ball over the keeper.

A team does not start afresh with every game. The dynamics carry from one game to the next. Gorgeous high scoring confidence is visited on one opponent after another: so is fear, worry, confusion. I bet that everything that Tottenham tried had worked brilliantly in training.

How to break the cycle? Team dynamics are a mystery, as I say, not only to outsiders, but also to the players and the manager. You feel you know when things are wrong, as you do when they are right. Seeing is one thing; but changing it? That is a still greater mystery.

What changed last season's effortlessly brilliant Manchester United of early season to the stop-start side at the end? What can change Tottenham? They want to be a cavalry charge; instead, they are the Lost Boys. Jürgen for manager?

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-3-2) J. Walker — O. Versteeg, S. Campbell, K. Scott, J. Ederington — C. Calderwood (capt. M. Hazard, 45 min) — N. Bamby, J. Sinclair (sub: R. Royston, 83), O. Hill — E. Sheringham, J. Klinsmann.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2) A. Roberts — O. Barclay, S. Yates, A. McDonald, C. Wilson — A. Impey, S. Barker (sub: K. Burke, 80 min), O. Bampton, J. Murphy — K. Wallace, K. Davis.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

	Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1 Newcastle	9	23	+17	WWWDW
2 Nottm Forest	9	21	+10	WDWW
3 Blackburn	9	18	+12	WWWD
4 Liverpool	8	17	+12	DLWW
5 Manchester Utd	9	16	+7	LDWL
6 Chelsea	8	15	+7	LDWL
7 Southampton	9	15	+1	WDWWW
8 Norwich	9	15	0	DWLWW
9 Leeds	9	14	+2	WLDWL
10 Tottenham	9	13	-2	LLWL
11 Manchester City	9	12	+1	DDWLD
12 Arsenal	9	11	+1	LDLWL
13 West Ham	9	11	-5	LDWLW
14 Aston Villa	9	9	-3	WLWL
15 Wimbledon	9	9	-5	WDWL
16 Sheffield Wed	9	8	-6	LDLWL
17 QPR	9	7	-4	DLDDL
18 Ipswich	8	7	-6	LDLWL
19 Crystal Palace	9	7	-7	DDLWL
20 Leicester	9	8	-9	LWDDL
21 Coventry	8	6	-10	LDLWL
22 Everton	9	5	-13	LDLWL

Weekly change Up Stayed the same Down

Tottenham to be deducted 6 points at end of season



Johnson, of Luton, comes face to face with Orlingsson's studs at the Victoria Ground yesterday

Macari quickly confronts reality

Stoke City 1
Luton Town 2

BY PETER BALL

IT TOOK only a week for Lou Macari to discover the extent of his task on his return to the Victoria Ground. After an easy win in his first game, Stoke were brought back to earth yesterday, Luton surviving Stoke's desperate rally to move out of the bottom four.

By then, playing with ten men after Dreyer's dismissal, Stoke appeared to have rescued an unlikely point when Carruthers stabbed the ball home. But, having gained it, they immediately threw it away again as Luton, the better footballing side, struck straight back for Preece to claim the winner.

"We kept going and did well to get back into it. Then we shot ourselves in the foot

again," Macari said. "I couldn't believe seeing Carruthers and Jason Beckford grabbing the ball out of the net and running back to the halfway line at a hundred miles an hour as if they were trying to win with ten men. I'd have got the ball out of the net and kicked it over the top of the goal to waste a few minutes."

Alongside Macari's "professionalism," they like to observe the formalities in the Pottery, and the team-sheet listed the officials with the suffix "Esq". The Boothend End had earlier titles for Mr Heilbron, though, when he awarded Luton a penalty, Dreyer, the gaily party, complained with some justice that he had been pushed by Harrison before handballing. Muggleton ensured justice was done, swooping to his right to turn aside Preece's spot kick.

That was about the only

break Dreyer had all afternoon. He had been caught out for Stoke's first goal as Luton took a leaf out of the Wimbledon book. Harrison flicking on Sommer's huge kick for Marshall to brush past Dreyer and put his side in front after 22 minutes. Between then and the dismissal of Dreyer in the 55th

minute for pulling down Marshall from behind, Luton had the chance to put the game beyond Stoke's reach. As well as the penalty, Marshall shot a simple chance into the side netting and Teifer hammered the ball straight at Muggleton.

Macari had just responded by putting on Beckford to augment his spluttering attack when he lost Dreyer and he had to reorganise again, sending on Overson to fill the gap left by Dreyer.

Stoke responded with spirit and Sommer had to make a splendid triple save to deny Carruthers, Beckford and Carruthers again before the hectic finale.

STOKE CITY (4-4-2): C. Muggleton — R. Wallace (sub: J. Beckford, 50 min), J. Carrson, J. Dreyer, L. Sandford — J. Butler, J. Orlingsson, K. Downing, N. Gough — M. Carruthers, P. Preece (sub: J. Overson, 50).

LUTON TOWN (4-4-2): J. Sommer — J. Jones, T. Preece, M. Johnson, M. Thomas — P. Teifer, C. Hughes, O. Waddock, O. Preece (sub: S. Oakes, 83) — J. Harrison, O. Marshall.

Referee: T. Holliday

Walters to stay at Molineux on loan

GRAHAM Taylor, the manager of Wolverhampton Wanderers, has extended the loan spell of the Liverpool winger, Mark Walters, for a second month. Wolverhampton stayed top of the first division, despite losing 3-2 at Swindon on Saturday, but a worsening injury list is causing concern at Molineux.

Walters has scored two goals in six games for Taylor, who also has another Liverpool player, Paul Stewart, on loan at the club. He will decide next month whether to sign them on a permanent basis at a combined fee of £1.5 million.

Middlesbrough missed the chance to take over at the top by losing their first home game of the season, 1-0 to Tranmere, for whom the ever-reliable John Aldridge scored seven minutes from time.

Newly promoted Reading maintained their challenge with a 2-1 win at Charlton.

The Birmingham City owner, David Sullivan, is threatening to leave the second division club after the latest outburst of hooliganism. Sullivan has received a report from Blackburn complaining about the behaviour of Birmingham supporters during the recent Coca-Cola Cup match at Ewood Park. "These few idiots make me want to walk away," Sullivan said. "I don't want to be associated with yobboes."

The Birmingham manager, Barry Fry, is struggling to convince his chairman to extend the loan period of Gary Bull, from Nottingham Forest. Bull has scored five goals in six games. "Gary wants to come and I want him but at the moment David Sullivan does not want him," Fry said. "He does not rate him as a player and thinks we have got better in the reserves."

England women beat rust in cold war with Iceland

IN ONE of the toughest matches they have played, the England women's football team won the first leg of their European championship quarter-final 2-1 against Iceland in Reykjavik on Saturday (Alyson Rudd writes).

Hampered by extreme cold and lack of team practice, England did well to battle their way to a victory that makes them favourites for the return leg in Brighton on October 30.

"For the last half an hour, the girls had trouble breathing, the air was so cold," Ted Copeland, the England manager, said. "It must have been well below zero. Even sitting on the touchline, it was difficult to breathe."

Gillian Coultard, the England captain and, according to Copeland, the player of the match, gave England the lead in the seventh minute with a right-footed volley from 25 yards. Margrät Olafsdottir equalised with half an hour played.

"We gave them the goal, we just stood back on the edge of the box and a shot that could have gone anywhere went in the top corner," Copeland said.

Apart from two ten-minute spells, England were the better side and won the tie through Kerry Davis's close-

range strike in the sixtieth minute. "We didn't play the best football game we've played. It was not our normal fluid football," Copeland said of what was essentially a gritty performance against a very defensive Iceland team that relies on catching opponents on the break.

He is confident that England will improve for the second leg. "This was our first game in five months, so we were a bit rusty." For the march in Brighton, the England squad will have three full days together, instead of the single day's training before this game.

Although Copeland paid tribute to the way the team



Coultard: tough lesson

"worked for each other," he is keeping an open mind about whom he fields for the next leg.

On Sunday, he will be watching the match between Liverpool FC Ladies and Croydon, keeping an eye on Jan Murray, Clare Taylor, Karen Burke and Kerry Davis, who all play for Liverpool, and on Debbie Bampton and Donna Smith, of Croydon.

According to Coultard, the Iceland team was virtually unrecognisable from the one that England faced two years ago.

"They've improved in a short space of time," she said. "They've learnt you have got to be a lot tougher, that there's got to be a bit of shirt-pulling in women's football."

Watching the game was Bryndis Valsdottir, a former Icelandic international. She said that Iceland played like a side that was "very stressed". This was the most important game in their history — and the players' nerves showed. "Our best hopes for the second leg are in the form of luck," she said.

ICELAND (11-3-11) S. Palsdottir — G. Samundottir — G. Jonsson, V. Sigurdardottir, A. Sigurdottir — A. B. Gunnarsdottir, A. Valsdottir, B. L. Sigurdottir, M. Olafsdottir, S. Olafsdottir — O. Palsdottir.

ENGLAND (4-4-2) L. Sharp — K. Palling, O. Smith, S. Williams, C. Taylor — G. Coultard, M. Salway (sub: K. Burke, 80 min), O. Bampton, J. Murray — K. Wallace, K. Davis.

Injuries blunt Welsh attack

WALES depart for their European championship qualifying tie today leaving behind a considerable strike force, thereby posing a not-inconsiderable difficulty for the manager, Mike Smith, who must name a side to take on Moldova on Wednesday bereft of the talents of Ian Rush, Mark Hughes, Ryan Giggs and Dean Saunders.

They have won 176 international caps among them scoring 56 goals — and their combined absence is a significant setback for the Welsh, whose other recognised forwards — Iwan Roberts, of Leicester, and Nathan Blake, of Sheffield United — can muster nine caps and no goals.

Hughes was not included in the original squad because of the groin injury that kept him out of last month's opening match in group seven against Albania — even though he has played for Manchester United in the interim.

Saunders, of Aston Villa, was also not considered as he serves the final match of a suspension imposed after being sent off against West Germany in Wales's European qualifying tie three years ago.

But Smith's worst fears were realised over the weekend when both Giggs and Rush dropped out in the space of a few hours.

Giggs's absence is caused by the calf injury that has

sidelined him for United's last three games, although he was due to link up with his Welsh team-mates at their Waltham Abbey base yesterday.

Then Rush was forced to pull out after being substituted in Liverpool's 3-2 victory over Aston Villa on Saturday when his knee injury flared up.

"We're without the big four, but there is not much I can do about it. We will have to cope without them," Smith said. His decision not to demand the release of his players from the games at the weekend also cost him the Norwich midfielder player, Jeremy Cross, who arrived at the team hotel with a fractured nose and leg strain from the 2-1 victory over Leeds and was sent home.

ALFRED DUNHILL

EDITION.

The initial freshness of Dunhill Edition warms to a deep sensual fragrance.

A classic and masculine range of grooming products.

Available at Harrods, Selfridges, leading department stores and selected branches of Boots.

Sought after since 1893.

Plymouth earn the praise of Shilton in defeat

Oxford United 1
Plymouth Argyle 0

By PAT GIBSON

WHATEVER the chairman of Plymouth Argyle thinks about him, and that is not very much, Peter Shilton seems to have retained the backing of the people who ought to matter the most at any football club, the players and the supporters.

His makeshift side was not quite good enough to prevent Oxford United from climbing back alongside Huddersfield Town at the top of the Endcliffe Insurance League second division but it was not for want of trying or lack of vocal encouragement.

Shilton was suitably grateful at the end of a week in which his chairman, Dan McCauley, had humiliated him in a tabloid newspaper. For reasons best known to himself, McCauley revealed that Shilton had cash-flow problems which apparently made the public sector borrowing requirement seem like a loose change and alleged that he worked only eight hours a week.

Quite apart from the fact that it would be impossible for a Plymouth manager to work such short hours unless they played Bristol Rovers in every other match, it was an amusingly outburst just when Shilton was pulling things round after a wretched start to the season which saw them concede 25 goals in their first eight matches.

To make matters worse, he then pulled a hamstring in training to leave himself with only 13 fit players including James Dunne, a 16-year-old goalkeeper who played for England Schoolboys last year and found himself deputising on the substitutes bench for England's most capped player.

In the circumstances, they did Shilton proud. Beaten only once in the league this season, a powerful side and when Moody flicked on a corner for Byrne to head, Shilton might have buckled. That they did not was a tribute to their commitment and some excellent saves by Alan Nichols, the England under-21 goalkeeper who admits that he only joined Plymouth because he wanted to work with Shilton.

"I could not have asked for any more from the players," Shilton said afterwards. "We were playing the second team in the league on their own pitch with at least five first-team players out and I thought we gave everything. We could possibly give, I also thought the supporters were superb and it would have been nice to reward them with a goal or two. That was the only thing that was lacking."

Now there is talk of a demonstration in support of the manager before Plymouth's home game against Wycombe Wanderers next Saturday, although Shilton denied any knowledge of it.

OXFORD UNITED (4-4-2): P. Whitham; A. Robinson, M. East, M. Ford, A. Rogers; S. Jennings, D. Smith, A. Doolan, C. Allen; S. Lewis, S. Mars; P. Moody (sub: D. Rush, 59); J. Byrne.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (4-3-3): A. Nichols; M. Patterson (sub: M. Edwards, 53); A. Conroy, D. Mayes, M. Barton, W. Barrett (sub: K. Nugent, 78); J. Morgan, C. Sturmer, R. Landon, C. Twiss.

Referee: P. Wright.

Irish eyes still smiling on the canny but charming Geordie

Jack of all trades and master of one



Jack Charlton: 'I was gloomy during the World Cup. Usually I'm laid-back, but I finished up shouting at people.' Photographs: James Morgan

I had never met Jack Charlton, football manager, author, raconteur, world-famous Geordie angler, until last week in Dublin. But within 60 seconds, he was chatting away like we had been down the pit together back in Ashington, fishing stories, football stories, cricket, football stories, rolling-up-his-trouser-leg-to-show-his-scar-type stories, not behaving like an Englishman at all — behaving much more like a well-known more like an Irishman: friendly, gregarious, indiscreet, which is why real Irishmen love him and why, in his native country, he has just been voted the person other people would most like as their next-door neighbour.

We were in Ireland for the launch of Jack Charlton's *American World Cup Diary*. The diarist was having a crafty gag before Dublin's media folk arrived. "It's me first for two years: I just faded one like, y'know? I don't smugly really, like. It's bad in it? For the kids an' that." We then talked about kamogie, the female version of hurling about how violent it can be. The woman doing the catering chimed in: "I used to play kamogie." There was a pause. "Is that how you got yer nuz bruken like, then?" The woman was plain, but her nose was perfectly intact, and she was a little flustered, while everyone else was appalled. "Urny jorkin'," said the big fella. Smiles all round.

Never mind World Cup diaries, Jack Charlton should

have his own strip in *Viz* the man is a natural comic. Big Jack, he just can't get the sack, they could call it Jack Charlton is the immortal, unchanging, uncompromising, utterly archetypal football manager and, with that accent, and his canny-but-candid Geordie manner, Big Jack, the cartoon, could not fail. He has that natural charm and that winning smile which means he can get away with pretty much anything, including what in others would be considered breathtaking rudeness. And he is transparently decent and as straight as a touchline.

As Fergal Tobin, his editor, later told me: "He's a very honest man, he's sort of conventionally well brought up. He's not a taker, and he could so easily be a taker in situations where people wouldn't notice and nobody would mind." But Charlton is nobody's fool, either. A fan said: "You should charge for all this signing Jack." "Oh aye, I do," Jack said, in that voice that comes along with a sort of verbal wink.

The press began to drift in, and Charlton and Peter Byrne, the *Irish Times* football journalist who wrote up the big man's Floridian thoughts, did their stuff. Byrne gave it plenty blarney, "de joy and de anguish, de tears an' de laughter" etc, but Jack was much more downbeat, admitting he was "a bit uptight" in America. "I was gloomy during this World Cup. Usually I'm laid-back, but I finished up shouting at



Robert Crampton discovers the appeal of the Ireland manager is as strong as ever in Dublin

people, telling them to boogah off. Not like me, y'know? People say to me, you did great in the World Cup and I say we didn't... we could have done better."

Perhaps for Charlton, as for his small band of critics, the novelty of mere qualification has worn off, and he thinks his team ought to have progressed beyond the last 16. If



so, his frustration shows in the book, which reads, especially after he has finally landed in the States on page 151, as a litany of complaint: the weather, FIFA, referees, water bags, the media, his team's finishing, unwelcome calls.

Even before America, Charlton was not pleased. He doesn't much like the Football Association (of England), Al-

banian hospitality, drawing Latvia and Lithuania in the qualifiers ("I don't even know where these bloody places are on the map"), or centre halves who are good on the ball. But then that's just Big Jack speaking his mind, and most of us don't much like FIFA, referees or the FA, either.

And Jack remembers his manners, too. In his speech,

'He will not, he said, be around for the next World Cup, but I would not bank on it'

he thanked his players for all their efforts in the heat and humidity, and finished "but we do our best, to bring credit to the people and to the country we represent". Such words sound a little clichéd written down, but Charlton delivered them with such plain sincerity, that his hosts' prolonged appreciation was warm and genuine. Such sentiments matter, and may-

be they matter more to the Irish than most.

Jack said later that he had looked at a finished copy of the book on the plane from Newcastle. He had read the first third, skipped through the rest, and enjoyed the pictures. Most readers, I suspect, will do exactly the same. I read it all, and the truth is, it is not a very good book. Jack Charlton's *American World Cup Diary* belongs firmly to the pre-Nick Hornby era of football book, all hamstrings and "it'll be hard on the lad" and so forth.

One example: on page 20 we hear Jack admiring Roy Keane, his hard-running mid-field player. "The thing I admire about him most is his engine." True enough. Then, on page 74, we are told that Keane has "one of the best engines I've ever seen in a young player." Yes indeed, so accurate, perhaps, that it bears the repetition. And on page 142, Jack thinks that "the thing that sets him [Roy Keane] apart from others of his age is his phenomenal engine," by which time those of us still hanging in there will agree that yes, Jack, you're spot-on, young Keane has got an absolutely first-class, 60k-tick 7-series engine.

Not that the prose style will interfere with the sales. Charlton and Byrne's previous collaboration, after Italia '90, sold 58,000 copies, almost all of them in Ireland, which in that country, means it was a monster best seller. This one will probably sell just as many. Charlton's popularity

is undiminished in Ireland, if his reception last week is any guide. What do you think of Jack Charlton? I kept asking people. "God, they kept replying, 'same old'."

He has become almost as ubiquitous. "I do a lot of dinners, a lot of appearances, a lot of openings, and a lot of clourings, and a lot of journalism, all sorts of things, a lot of advertising, a lot of voice-overs." What voice-overs does he do? "Whatever I'm asked to do. I've got a very distinctive voice."

Eight years into his reign and there are now more soccer clubs in Kerry than there are Gaelic football clubs: the Football Association of Ireland must be pleased, and generous. Charlton has four homes in Newcastle, the Yorkshire Dales, Co Mayo and the Costa Blanca. "Nothing outrageous. Fishing gear in every one." He was off that night to do a dinner in Manchester at short notice.

"Other blurke pulled out. Chelsea... what's his name? Hoddle? 'Nah. Minister... David Mellor? 'Aye. Mellor." The next day he was appearing in Newcastle. "Opening a hurne. A hotel or a hurne or something like that. Find out when I get there." He will not, he said, be around for the next World Cup. But I wouldn't bank on it.

Jack Charlton's *American World Cup Diary* is published on Friday by Sidgwick and Jackson (£8.99).

Nicholl's arrival improves Walsall's fortunes

Walsall 1
Scarborough 0

By DAVID POWELL

AT Everton and Tottenham Hotspur the forbearance is refreshing. Mike Walker and Osvaldo Ardiles are still in work and the FA Carling Premiership has yet to witness its first dismissal of a manager this season. If it is sackings you are interested in, follow the Endcliffe Insurance League third division.

Six of the bottom division's 22 clubs have sacked their manager since the end of last season. Two of them, Walsall and Scarborough, met on Saturday and the match went to form. Walsall are enjoying a fresh start but Scarborough are worse off than they were before they dismissed Steve Wicks. At least, that is how it looks by the league table: John Russell, the chairman, thinks otherwise because he has Billy Ayre as his manager now. "Billy is an old-fashioned pro with experience and honesty," Russell said.

"The problem with a lot of managers is that they want to make changes and spend money." Ayre may want to but knows he cannot, not much anyway. "We have a tight budget," Russell added. "Steve was a nice lad but we ended up with a colossal number of players and some of the

signings we had made, and were due to make, were not up to standard." The squad of 23 professionals has put Scarborough's wage bill £150,000 over budget. Russell is banking on Ayre's solid record in the lower divisions to see them to a respectable position this season before the squad is restructured.

In four years under Kenny Hibbitt, Walsall failed to gain promotion. "Unless you win promotion you are unsuccessful, so I felt it time to change," Jeff Bonser, the Walsall chairman, said.

Walsall are on a firm financial footing, with a smart new ground and no need to sell players. Bonser thinks Walsall do not belong in the third division. "This club desperately needs promotion," he said. Desperate needs can prompt desperate measures but, so far, the change in manager looks astute.

There can be no telling Walsall they acted hastily in removing Hibbitt in the first month of the season because their new manager, Chris Nicholl, has started with nine points from three games. Penalties by Martin O'Connor, five minutes from the beginning and the end, and goals in between by Stuart Ryder and Scon Houghton took Walsall to fifth place. Jason White, with the game's best goal, equalised for Scarborough in the 21st minute before Walsall scored three times in the second half.

SCARBOROUGH (4-3-3): G. Keane; D. Crowley (sub: A. Toman, 53); G. Swales, D. Owens, S. Harrison; S. Swales, D. O'Leary, S. Young; J. White, P. Rutherford (sub: R. Rowe, 55); M. Cohen.

Referee: E. Wootton.

Landlords eliminate tenants

Cinderford Town 0
Gloucester City 2

By WALTER GAMMIE

INTO the pot for a flavourful FA Cup third qualifying round tie — effectively the regional final of one of 36 pre-drawn groups — at Meadow Park on Saturday went not just the tangle of shifting allegiances between individuals representing clubs 12 miles apart but also the confusion of shared home advantage.

The landlords, Gloucester, the away club for the day, took charge of operations: maintaining the turnstiles, producing the programme, occupying the home dressing-room. The tenants, Cinderford, of the Helens League, duly took the field and went out to their Beazer Homes League premier division betters.

An air of superiority was natural. Gloucester have the kind of ambition — "a question-of-when-not-if" Football League status — that would seem laughably grandiose were it not for the swiftness with which Keith Gardner, the club's owner since January,

has set about laying the foundations for achieving them.

Gardner, a 41-year-old businessman, bought 16 acres of adjacent land, built bars, function-rooms and a skittles alley, brought in 21 sponsors and seven new directors, clinched a £90,000 three-year shirt deal with a car dealer and plans to raise £80,000 in a share issue. "We'd meet our bills and pay the wages if there wasn't one single spectator coming through the turnstiles," he said.

The club passed Vauxhall Conference grading last Thursday, modifications to the perimeter fence aside. Gardner now plans to develop a two-tier stand, complete with executive boxes, cover terracing behind the goals and build a sports complex and floodlit AstroTurf pitch.

Blown away in this whirlwind was Brian Godfrey, the previous manager. "It was a board decision, not mine," Gardner said. In his replacement, John Murphy (ex-Cinderford player), previously at Tronbridge, Gardner says he has "a manager for life".

By a twist of fate, Godfrey returned on Saturday helping the Cinderford manager, Tim

Harris (ex-Gloucester City assistant manager). Godfrey has the FA Cup pulsing in every vein. As a player he had helped Preston North End to reach the 1964 final but was not selected. As a manager, he took Exeter City to a quarter-final against Tottenham Hotspur in 1981 and Gloucester to within a replay win of a third-round tie against Queens Park Rangers in 1990 — their best run.

A furious finger-wagging exchange with Bob Baird, Murphy's assistant, over Godfrey's alleged role in a linesman's summons to the referee

that brought a sending-off for Mick Shearer, of Gloucester, for stamping proved the flame still burns strong.

Shearer's dismissal, just before half-time, helped to ease the pressure Gloucester exerted around a 37th-minute goal by Hallam. Cinderford saw Goodwin head wide and Hill brilliantly denied at close range by Coles, the former Yeovil goalkeeper, but Gloucester defended securely. In injury time, Mitchell dribbled along the six-yard line, forced a gap and fired a blistering second goal.

Cinderford at least have the consolation that their next home fixture is back at their base in the Forest of Dean. Their Causeway ground is ready for use again next month after the levelling of an 18ft corner-to-corner slope: ready for the push to stage Beazer Homes League football that motivates Ashley Saunders, their chairman, and his vice-chairman, Ray Reed.

CINDERFORD TOWN (11-4-3-2): R. Bowles; O. Bowdler (sub: R. Clutterbuck, 10); J. Hamilton, O. Hall (sub: R. King, 70); B. Thomas; A. Goodwin, P. Hill.

GLoucester CITY (4-5-1): D. Coles; A. Baird, M. Kigour, G. Kemp, K. Wicks; H. Knight, R. Bowler, M. Shearer, O. Mitchell, A. Harris (sub: S. Lister, 73); M. Hutton.

Referee: R. Hutton.

Hibs profit from innocence

Young people today, as any grouch will tell you, cause nothing but trouble. The madcap ways of adolescents, by accident and design, shaped Hibernian's 2-1 victory over Rangers in a quirky match at Easter Road on Saturday. Teenage Kicks, as the Underones usefully termed them, came in no more intense form than a winner against Scotland's league champions.

The 18-year-old Kevin Harper delivered it, eight minutes from the end, when a startling leap lifted his 5ft 6in frame above sluggish Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, to glance Michael O'Neill's corner into the net. It is the sort of goal players no longer score when they grow up and grudgingly begin to accept their own limits.

If Alex Miller, the Hibernian manager, basked in the rewards of gaucheness on Saturday, his opposite number, Walter Smith, was recognising just how costly innocence can be.

Rangers had led through an early goal from Basile Boli, who was sent off in the 88th minute after a second booking, and only conceded an equal-

iser at the very start of the second half because of the callowness of their own 18-year-old.

Craig Moore, an Australian, has shown precocious composure ever since he decided, a year ago, that he would switch hemispheres and attempt to become a professional footballer in Glasgow. His application has scarcely wavered. Moore is an exciting prospect, but only time can cure a person of being 18. His inexperience was apparent when he dawdled at the far post waiting for O'Neill's free-kick to arrive, never suspecting that Gordon Hunter was rushing in from the blind side to reach the ball before him and score.

The Australian's naivety was not even supposed to be put at such risk. Rangers have preferred to use him in a wide midfield role, where errors are exasperating rather than ruinous, and only moved Moore to his natural right-back position on Saturday when the loss before the interval of two injured centre halves, Richard Gough and Dave McPherson, led to the re-drafting of the entire defence.

Managers always have res-

ervations about youth. In choosing to field a teenager they are dabbling in uncertainty. With his speed and directness, Harper is probably a cult in the making, but Miller, a polite man, is reticent to the point of churlishness when asked about the prodigy.

KEVIN MCCARRA



Scottish commentary

He would prefer to discuss the long-term injury to Keith Wright which gave Harper his chance.

In any case, the newcomer will not go short of applause from others. At Easter Road a supporter, only a few years younger than Harper, was to be seen wearing a replica jersey with the hero's name and number. For his part, Miller is a little rueful that the

call-up of a youth is a necessity rather than a choice.

He almost spluttered when invited to sympathise with Rangers, who were reduced to playing a striker, Mark Hateley, at centre back in the second half. After all, when Hibernian are short of players it is simply regarded as business as usual, in any case. Smith has chosen to remove some layers of cover from his squad.

He knows that a few spotty complexions must be introduced before the face of Rangers can be changed. Apart from Moore, Saturday's team also included an impish 18-year-old midfielder player, Charlie Miller. Experienced men have been pushed aside to give youth its chance: Ian Durrant is on loan to Everton and Gary Stevens has now agreed terms with Tranmere Rovers.

Smith must accept the dangers for a Rangers team which remains at the top of the table, but he will be far less phlegmatic about Boli. He continually slides in with impulsive challenges and ought to have been sent off for a really foul foul on Harper before his final offence, against O'Neill.

les



its yesterday

your business to fly

ifference

Martin cruises to title defence as Jackman's challenge falls short



Jackman: too little too late

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN
IN ST PETER PORT

ALL hopes that Cassandra Jackman, from Norfolk, could carry a challenge in the women's world open squash championship all the way to the title were ruthlessly destroyed here yesterday. The defending champion, Michelle Martin, of Australia, revealed the true distance between herself and the rest of the international women's field with a 33-minute 9-1, 9-0, 9-6 victory.

Jackman took a point with a neat little forehand dropshot for 1-2 in the opening game, but was denied another scoring opportunity for the next 39 rallies. "I was disappointed," said Jackman, 21, from North Walsham, a former world junior champion who was seeded fourth for this championship. "I did my job getting to the final, but I had hoped to get closer. I relaxed into my game towards the end, but it was too late by then."

For Martin, the day was doubly rewarding: "I heard just before I went on court that my mother, Dawn, won the over-50 tennis title at the Masters Games in Brisbane today. I held off calling her until I could say I was a winner, too."

Martin, whose family also includes Brett and Rodney, second and fourth in the men's world squash rankings, had set yesterday's victory as her target of the year after defending her British open title last April. "I don't even know which tournaments are scheduled after this. That is how focused I have been on this championship," she said.

Certainly, her control of the match was absolute until Jackman took service at 3-7 in the third game with a fierce forehand kill shot from the deep right-hand corner. A series of superbly struck winners, culminating in an extraordinary forehand top-spin dropshot the full length of the court, brought Jackman back to 6-8 and raised the possibility of further contest.

But the fluid, elegant movement that had carried Martin around the Perspex court at unanswerable speed returned to frustrate the apparent opportunity. Leaping to the front backhand corner, she picked up a good working dropshot and faded it across the front wall of the court. That gave her a fifth match ball and, with a forehand shot around the rooted form of her opponent, she became only the second Australian to defend the world open championship successfully since Heather McKay, in 1979, beat Sue Cogswell of England.

Jackman's late flourish in the third game certainly averted a humiliating defeat and she will now be looking, in the team event that follows this week, for results to confirm that she is, indeed, the closest challenger to an Australian who clearly still rules the game.

Jackman's progress to her first world open championship final was achieved with a minimum of fuss on Saturday when she beat Fiona Geaves, of Gloucester, 9-4, 9-1, 9-2 in 34 minutes. Geaves, 26, had earlier shown ruthlessness beyond all expectation when she exploited a slight back problem carried into the quarter-finals by Liz Irving, the second seed from Australia.

Suzanne Horner, the British champion from Wakefield, leads the England line-up in this week's team championship and she will be hoping fervently for a chance, in the later stages, to gain revenge over Martin. The Australian beat her 9-4, 9-4, 9-6 in their 34-minute semi-final on Saturday.

Sue Wright's progress to a quarter-final against Martin secured her selection for the team championships at third string, but the unexpected exit of Martine Le Morgan, the retiring Guernsey Girl and thus a major individual attraction here, at the hands of Linda Charman, from Heathfield, in the second round, raised the passing prospect of Geaves earning a call-up as fourth string.

RESULTS: Semi-final results: M Martin (Aus) bt S Horner (Eng) 9-4, 9-4, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt F Geaves (Eng) 9-4, 9-1, 9-2. Final: Martin bt Jackman 9-1, 9-0, 9-6.

Krajicek's power too much for Becker

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RICHARD Krajicek, of Holland, defeated Boris Becker in a serving duel to win the Australian indoor tennis title in Sydney yesterday. Krajicek unleashed the most devastating serving performance of his career, firing 34 aces in a match that lasted 2hr 32min. He won 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3.

The seventh seed, whose fastest serve was clocked at 128mph, fittingly won the match with two consecutive aces. "He is definitely one of the best servers in the game," Becker, ranked sixth in the world, said. "I have never before in my career had to face so many aces."

The second-seeded German, a former Wimbledon, Australian Open and US Open champion, came to Sydney after a five-week break, which followed his first-round defeat at the US Open.

The win brought Krajicek his third title in 12 tournaments since his return to the tour in April following a five-month lay-off to recover from knee injuries.

"If I serve like that I know I can beat anyone," Krajicek, 22, said. With the victory he climbed back into the world top 20. "My serve-and-volley game is what wins matches for me and it is now finally back to the level it was 18 months ago," Krajicek served a staggering 93 aces during the week. Becker's 19 in the final took his total to 85.

After his defeat, Becker criticised the sport's authorities when he said too much exposure was killing tennis. A day after threatening to withdraw from the Australian Open next year in protest at recent rule changes, he said tennis was in the doldrums because of the crowded calendar and massive over-exposure.

"Every other sport has a long break. Tennis is the only sport where they basically have a major championship every month. There is a

tournament somewhere every week and people get bored by that much tennis—that is why they don't watch it any more. It is over-exposure. Tennis has earned a lot of money over the last ten years following the boom in the mid-eighties, but the boom is not there any more.

"People responsible for running tennis still want to make money but now they want to change the rules. In my view, that is completely the wrong way to go just because they don't earn as much money as they did five years ago."

Becker sparked controversy on Saturday when he criticised a rule change for grand slam events which would limit the time available between points from 25 to 20 seconds. He said the change, passed by the International Tennis Federation last month, could put players' health at risk, particularly in high temperatures at the Australian Open.

In Zurich yesterday, Magdalena Maleeva, the youngest of three sisters, kept the European indoor tennis championship singles title in the family when she beat Natalia Zvereva of Belarus, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in the final.

Maleeva, 19, from Bulgaria, secured her third career title on her fifth match point to emulate her elder sister, Manuela, who beat Martina Navratilova in the final last year.

Both Maleeva and Zvereva had trouble holding their serves throughout a match which lasted over two and a quarter hours. Zvereva fought back strongly after dropping the first set in 47 minutes, but failed to maintain her momentum in the decisive third set.

Maleeva served for the title at 5-3, but a succession of forehand passes and two-fisted backhands from Zvereva delayed her celebrations.

In Toulouse, Magnus Larsson maintained his excellent recent run of form to beat Jared Palmer, of the United States, 6-1, 6-3, in the final of the ATP tournament. It was his second tournament win of the season.



A girl from Wembury School, Devon, is "tagged" by her male opponent. Wembury has pioneered tag rugby, a non-contact form of the sport

Tag rugby proves a hit with both sexes

BY JOHN GOODBODY

IF RUGBY is to become a world sport like football or basketball, then ways must be found of introducing it to youngsters so they will play the game spontaneously when they are unsupervised in playgrounds or running about on hard and uneven surfaces.

"That is a fair point," Nick Leonard, the sport's youth development officer for Devon, says, and then promptly shows you "tag" rugby. What impressed me at Wembury Primary School was not how the boys and girls played this original game when Leonard was refereeing, but what happened when his back was turned. The youngsters just continued enjoying tag rugby with good spirit, zest and evident pleasure.

If rugby is to become more popular in British state schools, let alone in countries, like say, China and Algeria, where it is virtually unknown, then there must be some version, in which children will naturally take part when they are let out to play.

Wembury is the pioneer of tag rugby. Already the game has spread throughout Devon, with almost a quarter of the 442 primary schools in the county taking part in a tournament last June. Since the exhibition before the England v Wales match at Twickenham last season, other schools round the county have started experimenting.

Paddy Marsh, the headmaster of Wembury and a former Wasps and Plymouth Albion player, says: "People used to kick a football in the streets. Orthodox rugby is not so easy. However, tag rugby is very easy to pick up. We always say: you pass backwards and, when you have the ball in your hands, you run forwards."

Tag rugby is non-contact, so making injuries from violent contact rare. All the players wear a light belt with two ribbons attached to it by Velcro. A "tackle" is made

when the ball carrier has one of the two ribbons removed by a defender, who holds it in the air and shouts "tag". The ball carrier must then stop and pass. Pitches vary in size according to the number of players and tries are scored by touching down over a designated line.

The idea is not novel among adults. When members of the armed forces have wanted to play a form of rugby on overseas trips, where hard grounds made it impractical to have proper tackling, they tucked pieces of



IN SCHOOLS

cord into their shorts. Leonard and the idea from a naval officer in Plymouth. It solved the dilemmas of "touch" rugby or "new image" rugby, where players had to touch an opponent on both hips to effect a "tackle".

He says: "Officiating a touch rugby game was a nightmare. There were simply too many arguments whether someone had touched an opponent. Tag rugby solves these problems."

It is also popular with girls. Katie Cox, 10, says: "I like playing against the boys. With the girls, you know them so well, that you cannot 'go' against them so much."

Leonard also believes that touch rugby developed undesirable habits for the 15-a-side game because of the relative ease, with which defenders could make a tackle. Much of the movement was across the pitch.

Tag rugby has also pleased the physical education profession. Wendy Collin, a PE advisory teacher for Devon,

approves both of the amount of exercise the children take and also that it encourages them to think. More children have watched football than rugby on television and they come to tag rugby with fewer preconceived ideas.

Peter Dreweitt, a physical education lecturer at Exeter University, who is working for the Rugby Football Union

Schools wishing to bring the results of their sports teams to our attention may fax them to 071-782-5211

for the next two years, says: "Although it has a lot of potential for youngsters, it is also of use for senior players. It encourages agility, proper lines of running and running at spaces rather than at players."

"In tag rugby, the game comes down to its most simple form: passing, evasion, running and support play. It is excellent."

Princess injured, page 13
Games results, page 32

Local man Hayata beaten by Olympic champion

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Olympic champion, Hwang Young-jo, of South Korea, shattered the dreams of a home-town success in the Asian Games marathon at Hiroshima yesterday.

The local runner, Toshiyuki Hayata, had set his sights on victory since the Games were awarded to Hiroshima ten years ago. But Hwang was too strong and experienced over the final seven kilometres, forcing Hayata to settle for silver.

Hwang was assisted by his teammate, Kim Jae-ryong, who picked up the bronze medal after helping his partner to confuse Hayata with changes of pace in the final kilometres.

It was one of a succession of victories for South Korea yesterday that enabled them to move clear of Japan in the race to finish second in the medals table. At the start of the last week of competition, the South Koreans took their haul of gold medals to 31, three ahead of Japan but far behind the Chinese, who already have 73 golds.

South Korea won gold medals in track events, sweeping through all four events they entered: badminton, archery, tennis bowling and wrestling. The victory for their women's badminton team against the favourites, Indonesia, was the biggest surprise of the day.

Despite South Korea's strong showing, they made no impression on China's steadily increasing lead in the medals table. Zhong Huanli, runner-up at last year's world championships, easily took gold in the women's marathon with a time of 2hr 29min 32sec, a new Games record. Her fellow-Chinese, Zhang Lirong, a member of Ma Junren's famed stable of distance runners, was second and Nobuko Fujimura, of Japan, took bronze, finishing with blood streaming down her legs. Fujimura collapsed at the finish and was unable to attend the medals ceremony after being taken for medical treatment.

After winning nearly every gold medal in the swimming pool in the first week, the Chinese took to the water again yesterday and swept up five golds in canoeing.

Princess injured, page 13
Games results, page 32

Maguire given eight-day ban

ADRIAN Maguire was suspended for eight days (October 17 to 24 inclusive) at Bangor on Saturday for careless riding. It is his third ban of the season. The Frisman, riding Malawi in the opening Norsk Jockey Klub Novices' Handicap Hurdle, was adjudged to have caused interference to the winner Beaton.

Warren Marston was fined £750 for taking the wrong course on Wilsford in the Willis Corroon Handicap Chase.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Clontarf, 1.50; Nashville Star, 2.20; Palacegate Surfer, Loughborough, 2.00; Paddy McGee, 2.30; Andorra, 2.40.

3.10 SALMON SPRAY CHALLENGE TROPHY

HANDICAP HURDLE (23.40; 2m 2f) (7)
1-25-4: BUCH LIFE 6 (22.0) C Weston 4-11-11; A P McGeary 54
2-10-1: MURDERER 10 (11) R Hume 6-11-10; J Pugh 50
3-10-1: FANTASY WORLD 14 (22.0) S J Smith 6-11-7; P Hulse 50
4-21-0: BURNWELL 24 (21) M Thompson 10-7; R Denny 50
5-20-1: SULLY BOY 57 (10) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
6-20-1: TIS E THORN 6 (22.0) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
7-10-1: THOR 10 (10) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50

3.40 DOWNLANDS BEEFEATER NOVICES CHASE

(22.17; 3m 2f) (4)
1-40-0: DUNE OF APRIL 10 (17) G J Jones 7-11-2; P Hulse 50
2-40-0: CRUISE CONTROL 14 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
3-40-0: SPRINGFIELD 17 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
4-40-0: DUNE OF APRIL 10 (17) G J Jones 7-11-2; P Hulse 50

4.10 BFB MARKET INN (PETERSFIELD) NATIONAL

HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Quilifier; 22.07; 2m 2f) (5)
1-20-0: BLENCHING GALE 20 (22) D Street 6-11-0; P Hulse 50
2-40-1: TUDOR SHIP 18 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
3-40-1: TUDOR SHIP 18 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
4-40-1: TUDOR SHIP 18 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
5-40-1: TUDOR SHIP 18 (17) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50

4.40 GEMINI PRESS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE

(22.41; 3m 2f 110yds) (6)
1-30-0: OCEAN LINK 14 (22.0) R Hume 6-11-10; P Hulse 50
2-11-1: JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 15 (15) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
3-40-0: RUSTY BRIDGE 11 (15) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
4-40-0: RUSTY BRIDGE 11 (15) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50
5-40-0: RUSTY BRIDGE 11 (15) M J Jones 9-11-0; M Richards 50

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Pugh, 3 winners from 3 runners; 100.0%; G Hume, 12 from 35; R Hume, 5 from 17; 29.4%; M J Jones, 10 from 35; 27.9%; M J Jones, 5 from 21; 23.8%; M Richards, 4 from 17; 23.5%.
JOCKEYS: J Denny, 10 winners from 33 rides; 30.3%; P Hulse, 8 from 37; 21.6%; P Hulse, 16 from 52; 30.8%; M Pugh, 14 from 74; 18.9%; M Richards, 15 from 77; 19.5%; E Murphy, 10 from 30; 33.3%.

Stunning close-up substitutes for comfort

Oliver Holt enjoys atmosphere and colourful commentary from the Central Park terraces

A sporting choice confronted Tony Blair, the Labour leader, when the party conference in Blackpool finished on Friday: a visit to the gleaming new Anfield to see Liverpool against Aston Villa or a short journey inland to watch Wigan take on the might of the touring Australian rugby league team.

Blair chose Anfield. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, is rebuilding his team there, too, and the club is sweeping away the vestiges of the past. The Kop, Liverpool's shibboleth, of football's version of Clause Four, is being replaced by seats where people from nice areas such as

Wirral and Southport can sit in their mohair coats. Central Park, Wigan's home, on the other hand, is a centre of unreconstructed entertainment where value for money has to be measured purely by the exhibition you see on the pitch. Terraces, not stands, still dominate the stadium, and the atmosphere they generate is worth a portion of the entry fee alone.

The toilet facilities for the standing fans, admittedly, are bordering on the primitive.

almost the prehistoric. You happen upon them as you walk down a dark corridor beneath one of the stands, people standing in corners like dark shapes apparently at random. The food they sell at the Ultimate Burger Bars dotted around the ground may be the ultimate in something but it is not taste or quantity. Perhaps facilities for the seated customers are better, but there was little evidence of that.

Still, once you accept you are not going to be mollycoddled for your £6 ground ticket, the benefits are apparent. Unlike Premiership football, rugby league is still accessible to all. Families who could not afford a trip to Old Trafford or White Hart Lane stand together on the terraces at Central Park.

Nor are the supporters corralled into one small section. The ground ticket allows you to wander freely around three sides of the stadium on Saturday, choosing whatever vantage you wish. Low enough to see every detail, such as Martin Offiah's quiff, or to see the sweat dripping from his brow as he turned into the sun to peer at the scoreboard, close enough to hear Mal Meninga,



rugby league's living legend, roar at the referee through the din of the crowd noise: high enough to appreciate the full majesty of Brett Mullins's second-half sprint through the Wigan defence that would have left an American football running back gasping in admiration.

The spectacle is quite simply breathtaking. Thudding tackles happening several seats away from you; huge men and fine athletes battering into each other for all their worth, then exploding away from their tacklers with fearsome speed and sleight of hand.

The terraces were packed so that the roar that greeted every Wigan surge towards the try line was invigorating. But they were not so densely populated as football terraces used to be and a little crafty manoeuvring ensured a good view wherever you stood. There was plenty of local commen-

tary too, mostly of the bewildered and bitter kind in the first half when Wigan were overwhelmed, but touching on euphoria in the second half, when they fought back, and developing rapidly into scorn for the Australians. Lancashire accents yelled "get up, you big girl's blouse", in unison when one particularly hefty forward lay in a crumpled heap after a crunching tackle.

Wigan, after all, are the Manchester United of rugby league and to see them play in any game is a privilege. But watch a game like this, billed as the fourth international because of its quality, and you feel you are at an historic occasion, a witness to greatness in sport.

You see great players such as Meninga and Offiah, players you can boast about seeing; you see stars of the future such as Mullins and Jason Robinson and suddenly the £6 you paid seems very cheap.

Shame about the £20 parking ticket when I got back to the car but it's not only Central Park that is unreconstructed. An hour in a traffic jam on the M6 left no alternative but to park practically outside the ground on the stroke of 3pm and Greater Manchester Police did the rest.

Match report, page 35

Age need not be a barrier to masters swimming — so come on in, the water's lovely, says Craig Lord

So you thought you were too old to take the plunge? Think again. For these are the days of masters swimming, the aquatic equivalent of fun running in which the under-25s are confined to the stands while golden oldies and newly baptised grandmas and grandads get down to breaking world records.

In sports such as golf, master means mastery, but in the pool, the definition is fun, fitness and fellowship in an activity that is universally recommended by doctors as the best form of exercise. Masters swimming is where the thrill of competition provides incentive for the daily spill that keeps you healthy.

Age-groups are split in five-year bands from A (25 to 29-year-olds) to N (85 years and older) — and yes, there are many hundreds approaching 100 and still in the swim. With each gender and each age-group competing in races of 50, 100, 200, 400 and 1,500 metres on freestyle, and the shorter distances

Become an old master at a stroke

on butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, and a medley of all four, there are 1,008 world records for the breaking.

The banding system makes masters swimming one of the few activities where growing older can be a distinct advantage. But only the result sheet keeps the generations apart: races, of one swimmer per lane, are based on speed, so you may find yourself a 30-year-old trying to save face next to a sprightly sprinter of 50 or more.

So successful has the movement become that its creator, Dr Arthur J. Ransom, an American who conceived his masters plan while a member of the Otter Swimming Club of London in 1967, could be said to have done for pool swimming what Captain Matthew Webb did for the English Channel in 1875.

After Webb's 22-hour crossing in a red silk suit, the *New York Times* wrote: "Captain Webb has achieved a vast ocean of good by giving an impulse to swimming... the London baths are crowded, each village pond and running stream contains youthful worshippers at the shrine of Webb."

The youthful worshippers at the shrine of Ransom have caused masters events to flourish into the fastest-growing section of swimming and one that rivals youth events in terms of numbers. 30 former Olympians were among the 3,500 from 43 countries at the World Masters Championships in Montreal this year.

In Britain, there are more than 4,000 registered masters as ever greater numbers of clubs launch adult sections. Second to none is



Otter, founded in 1869 and one of the oldest swimming clubs in the world. Otter has a history of Olympians and national champions, yet with the development of local authority city squads in the

Seventies, its fortunes declined. Masters provided both new members and a second lease of life for the club. It hosted the first British masters competition, in 1972, when amateurs and "professionals" — those including coaches and teachers, who earn money from the sport — raced together for the first time. Permission to do so again was not granted by the Amateur Swimming Association of England until 1985, stilling development.

Last weekend, Otter, of which I am among the newest members, hosted its annual masters gala. Here was revelation to a 32-year-old whose own swimming career started with Spitzean dreams in the early 1970s in a warm and dimly-lit subterranean pool near the family home outside Lisbon, Portugal, near the place where Dr Ransom

died in 1989 before being inducted into the International Hall of Fame. A far lesser accolade, that of Berkshire county champion at 200 metres medley, was my swansong in 1985.

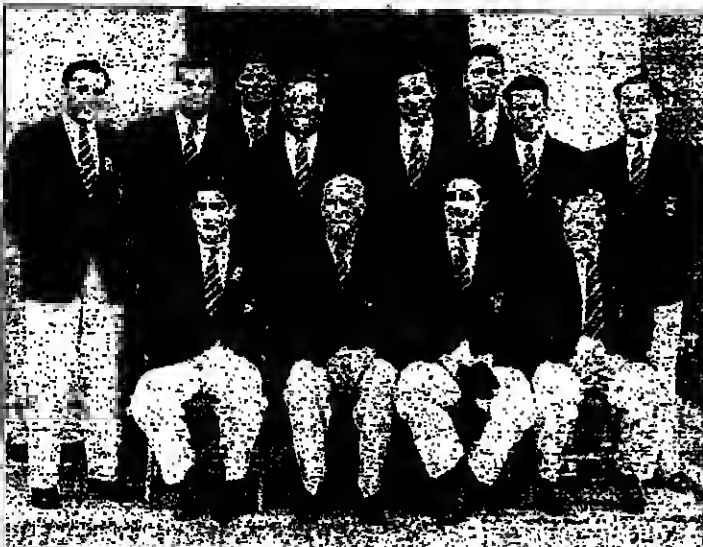
I chose the 100 metres medley for my masters debut and was promptly disqualified for leaving the water at the end of the race without being told to do so. Oh! how swift the memories of sporting bureaucracy returned. This was not important, I said, just a bit of fun; but the giggling annoyance lingered until I won the 100 metres backstroke later. This was not important, I said, just a bit of fun; but the smug smile lingered until I reached home later.

I will be among the 1,000-plus who will race at the ASA National

Masters Championships in Sheffield next weekend, part of a growing family of more than 4,000 registered masters competitors who form the tip of the growing iceberg of keep-fit swimming in Britain today. The Otter club logo for masters is self-mocking: a fat and flipper-footed otter holding a pint of ale in one hand, and a walking stick in the other.

Not entirely appropriate, according to *The Complete Book of Swimming*, its author, Dr Phillip Whiten, an anthropologist and gerontologist who has lectured at Harvard University, notes that the swimmer is better able to control body weight, can cope with stress, is more alert, enjoys greater self-esteem, courts longevity and develops greater heart and lung capacity. Moreover, swimming, Dr Whiten's figures suggest, enhances sex and extends the sexually-active years: perhaps the reason why old swimmers never die, they just crawl away to the masters pool.

MICHAEL POWELL



Days of glory: Forbes Gentleman, fourth from the left on the back row, with the British Olympic water-polo team in 1948

A youthful Gentleman, still in the swim

A British Olympic water-polo player from the 1948 London Olympic Games, Forbes Gentleman is known to his football-loving friends as "the only Scot who went down to Wembley and didn't kick a ball".

He embraces the image warmly, but at 71 years of age he is far from ready to be referred to as a veteran: "I'm just a wee boy and that's a fact. And they'll still be saying 'look, there goes the boy 'Gentleman' well into the next century'."

The secret of Gentleman's youthfulness is masters swimming and the City Baths in Chester, the water of which he ploughs every afternoon for three quarters of an hour from Monday to Friday, for a five-mile weekly total. You might imagine weekends to be a time of rest. Not so. Gentleman's leisure is teaching three to five-year-olds at his daughter Elizabeth's swimming school. For him it is a continuation of a lifetime in the sport, as a competitor and a coach to the City of Glasgow squad until his retirement in 1986.

Like so many masters, he was lured back into the water by an illness that could have been aggravated by exercise on land. "I'd begun to suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. I started to swim again and found that the arthritis troubled me a lot less. After regular exercise in the water, it went altogether. Water supports you while you exercise and swimming, by keeping you fit, helps you to

fight any ill health that comes along." The sport has also been the source of immense satisfaction and achievement for Gentleman, who has set the European record for his age group in the 200 metres medley. He will race at the ASA national masters championships in Sheffield for his former club, Motherwell, next weekend and the competitive streak is already discernible as he talks of Roy Romain and Jack Hale, contemporaries from the 1948 Olympic Games and the 1947 European Championships in Monte Carlo. Romain won the European title at 200 metres breaststroke, while Hale was the man who brought butterfly, then a new stroke, into Britain.

"Roy's still a great swimmer," said Gentleman. "And so is Jack... But the greatest thing is seeing people there that were never swimmers and have come into swimming later in life. They find masters gives them a whole new lease of life."

Gentleman recalls Monte Carlo and Wembley as highlights of his life. "Those years were great. We travelled abroad with heads high and Wembley was sensational. To hear the roar of the British crowd there is a sound that will live with me forever."

Still precious to him is "the thrill of getting up each morning feeling fit and really wanting to get going. There's nothing like swimming to give you that feeling. I'd recommend it to anyone."



Forbes Gentleman at 71, still enjoying the competition of masters events — "Swimming, by keeping you fit, helps you to fight any ill health that comes along," he says



Jane Asher, teacher of the Jets master swimming classes, in the pool at Norwich High School for Girls

Life in the fast lane with Jets propulsion

Jane Asher was 52 before she swam in her first race. A little over ten years on, she holds 33 British masters records and seven world masters records with matching titles and has travelled the world in pursuit of her aquatic ambitions.

Her story is one of triumph over adversity and is proof of claims that swimming is therapeutic. Jane's husband Robbie, a vet, died in 1991 after a three-year struggle against cancer. "For weeks, he couldn't even talk," she said. "I used to sit for hours with him. It was all so hopeless and painful. The swimming was good for my nerves. It really was a life saver for me. It calmed me and took me away from it for a while. Other people tell me the same. Masters is full of stories of people who recover from illnesses, people who have bad limbs and find freedom in water."

"After Robbie died, I swam as many miles as I could. The friendship of other masters was invaluable."

Jane had been involved in swimming as a teacher and coach before taking to the pool herself. She formed a group called Jets (Jane's Extra Training Squad) for youngsters in the Norwich area and thought it wasteful to have parents who had travelled half an hour to get to the pool sitting idle while

lanes stood empty. She invited them to swim in the slow lane. Many of those became masters and competed as swimmers for the first time, while some now help Jane to run Jets.

"We're looking for some of them to take it over from me because I'm moving to London to be closer to my children and grandchildren and I don't want to see the group fold," said Jane. Whether Jets

survives or not, its founder, also the driving force behind the establishment of the East Anglia Swallow Tails, one of Britain's newest clubs, is sure to. For her energies apparently know no bounds. Not content with the comparative warmth and comfort of the pool, she has strayed into open water swimming.

In Montreal this year, Jane won the 5km race along the course that hosted the 1976 Olympic rowing

events. "It was very scary. You had to get in down a 12ft-wide slide. There were 400 in the race and people were quite aggressive. But I'd heard that the best route was to stick to the edge. I'd seen the Grand National and knew the horses that did best were those that kept out of trouble. At one stage I seemed to be floating past red caps and white caps, it was wonderful — then I saw the Irish champion catching up and so I sprinted the last 500 metres. I was on top of the world."

Back in the pool, Jane won several other titles but felt "cheated" that Clara Walker, American veteran of the 1948 Olympic Games, was absent. "I wasn't around then. I wanted a crack at her this time."

For all the competitive talk, she says much of the enjoyment is in being part of the masters family and recognising that you "don't have to cram success into a few short years". Her enduring rival is Flora Connolly of Scotland, two years younger and the woman who has made a name for herself breaking some of Jane's records. She recalls the sprint for home and victory in their closest tussle, in the 200 metres freestyle at the European Masters Championships: "We both ended up laughing on the lane ropes waiting for the rest of Europe to catch up."

Where to go for help

Many local authority pools offer "Early Bird" swimming, sessions largely restricted to adults, while most swimming clubs offer similar sessions but with the benefits of a coach, or teacher and specific masters sections. Sessions can be as little as half an hour a week to an hour a day or more. For details, contact the local authority leisure department.

Club information can also be obtained from: In England, the Amateur Swimming Association (0509 230431); in Scotland, the SASA (041 641 8818); in Wales, WASA (0222 342201); and in Ireland, the IASA (010 353 1 501739).

Publications: *Swimming Times*: Harold Fern House, Derby Square, Loughborough, Leics LE11 0AL (0509 234433/233169). Annual subscription: £16.50. *World and Swim Magazine*, United States: PO Box 2025 Sedona, Arizona, 86339. (0101 602-2824799).

Literature: *The Complete Book of Swimming*: by Phillip Whiten, Random House, 201 East 50th Street, New York, 10022. \$16.00. *Hunts of the Black Masses: The Swimmer As Hero*: by Charles Sprawson, Jonathan Cape, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1, £15.99.

les

its yesterday

TO ADVERTISE
CALL: 071 481 9994

EDUCATION

FAX:
071 782 7828

EDUCATION



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND

Hungry? - Feed the Mind. The University of Sunderland offers a range of science, technology, business, education, the creative arts or health studies programmes to help you keep your eyes on the prize. Make it happen. Make it shine. The University of Sunderland. One of the most dynamic and innovative universities in the North of England. 14,000 students from 35 countries studying on over 100 degree programmes. New rivers campus. New life. Want to know more? Request your free copy of our 1995 Full-time Prospectus or complete the reply coupon.

HELPLINE
091 515 3000

University of
Sunderland

PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF YOUR
1995 FULL-TIME PROSPECTUS

Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____
Return to: Joan Davey,
Admissions Office,
University of Sunderland,
Edinburgh Building,
Chester Road,
Sunderland SR1 3SD.

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION

Cheltenham College

Where next after GCSE?

- Sixth form scholarships and entrance for boys and girls. 1995 entry.
- Twenty one subjects offered at 'A' Level.

Examinations will take place on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th November. Entry closure date 2nd November 1994. Friday 14th - 16th October at OLYMPIA LONDON Stand 156. For further information please contact the Headmaster's Secretary, Cheltenham College, Bath Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7LD. Tel: (0242) 513540 Fax: (0242) 571746. Registered as a charity No. 311720.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nottingham

Department of Psychology

Lecturerships & Teaching Fellow in Psychology

The Department of Psychology was rated as a grade 5A department in the last national assessment of research performance, and is well situated in a successful research-led University. It offers a challenging and lively intellectual environment in which those with a strong desire for an academic career flourish. Applications are invited for the following posts:

Lecturer in Developmental Psychology

To join a team offering both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching, including the Department's MA in developmental psychology. Ref No 1847.

Lecturer in Occupational Psychology

To join a team offering both undergraduate and postgraduate teaching. A special interest in occupational health psychology (or closely related area) would be welcomed. Ref No 1848.

Teaching Fellow

To share responsibility for practical and methods teaching. Interests in any area of cognitive psychology would be desirable. Ref No 1849.

The candidates appointed will be encouraged to collaborate with colleagues in any of the research centres and groups which already exist in the Department. These include, among others, the Centre for Research into Development, Instruction and Training (led by Professor David Wood), the Cognitive Psychology Group (led by Professor Geoffrey Underwood) and the WHO Collaborating Centre in Occupational Health (led by Professor Tom Cox).

The appropriate salary range for Lecturers is £14,756 - £25,735 and the salary range for Teaching Fellows is £14,756 - £16,191.

Further information regarding these posts is obtainable from Professor Tom Cox - or his secretary, Denise Curtis - in the Department of Psychology (Telephone: 0115 9515301, fax: 0115 9515324, Email: dc@psyc.nott.ac.uk).

Further details and application forms, returnable not later than 4 November 1994, from the Personnel Office, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham NG7 2RD. Tel: 0115 9515209. Please quote relevant reference number.

EDUCATION

MY LIFE WAS AT A CROSSROADS.

NOW I RUN A MOTEL.

You're out of work or in a job that's going nowhere. You need training to develop your career, but can't afford it.

A Career Development Loan can help you pay for almost any job-related training course. You can borrow between £200 and £8000 for a course lasting up to two years.

And repayment is deferred. You don't have to pay anything back until up to a month after the course has finished, or six months in some cases.

If you're thinking about training or you provide the course, call free for a booklet on 0800 585 505 between 9am and 9pm, Monday to Friday.

TAKE A BIG STEP TOWARDS TRAINING WITH A CAREER DEVELOPMENT LOAN.

Written questions of terms and conditions are available from Barclays, the Co-operative and Clydesdale Banks on request.

SENIOR APPOINTMENTS

WELSH COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND DRAMA



The National Conservatoire of Wales DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The college wishes to appoint a Director of Music (not less than 33 k) from 1st April 1995. Further details are available from: The Deputy Principal, Welsh College of Music and Drama, Castle Grounds, Cardiff CF1 3ER. (0222) 390666.

COURSES

ST. JAMES'S SECRETARIAL COLLEGE
SECRETARIAL, SOFTWARE, & OFFICE SKILLS TRAINING
Short Courses - Part Time - Start Anytime
Full Time - 1, 3, 6, 9 months
Alternative + Diploma Courses
Job Placement Service
Tax Relief
4 WILKINSON GARDENS, LONDON SW15 2JF
Telephone: 071 747 0742

THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE
Courses of Italian, Art History, Drawing, Painting, opera, cooking.
Courses from 4 days to 9 months
Languages: English, Italian, French
9, 50123 Florence
Tel: 0115 25 25051 Fax: 220257

COURSES

DAVIES LAING & DICK

SIXTH FORM

Where every day this month is an

OPEN DAY for September 1995 admission

Simply phone to arrange a convenient time to visit and to receive a prospectus

DLD

DAVIES LAING & DICK COLLEGE
10 PENBRIDGE SQUARE
LONDON W2 4ED
TEL: 071 727 2797

SCHOLARSHIPS

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE

Independent (HMC) School
Boarding and Day
450 (13-18) boys and 70 6th form girls

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP EXAM on 9th NOVEMBER

for boys and girls entering Lower 6th

MUSIC Scholarships also available

Headmaster's Secretary,
Eastbourne College,
Old Wish Road,
Eastbourne, BN21 4JX.
(0323) 737655
(0323) 416137 (fax)

A Registered Charity providing high quality education for boys and girls

COURSES

FRENCH CRASH COURSE

(EMERGENCY PROCEDURES BELOW)

- Starting each month
- Beginners to Advanced
- 4 weeks intensive course 15 hours/week

For a brochure call: (071) 723 7471.

Alliance Française de Londres
1 Duquet Square
London NW1 6PL



Financed by the French Government

What can Law do for YOU?

Everything - and you can Earn and Learn at the same time.

Lawyers need to study law. But not just lawyers. If you're in business, industry or the government you deal with law every day. If you don't understand it you lose out - and pay the costs. A qualification in law is essential for practice, but is also one of the best ways to improve your skills and career prospects, whatever your job. At Holborn we run courses to suit your individual needs - Part-time (Saturdays or evenings) or Distance Learning.

LLB HONOURS DEGREE
If you want to practice law, join our internationally recognised LLB Honours Degree programme in three Parts, leading to the professional examinations for barristers or solicitors in the UK.

DIPLOMAS IN SPECIALIST LAW SUBJECTS
If you want specialist knowledge in one or two of the specialist subjects on offer to enhance your career prospects, our Diploma courses make a lot of sense. These one year courses are taught by degree level.

Whichever course you choose, you'll have our specially-written texts and course materials - the most comprehensive range ever produced for law at this level. Everything you need is included in the fee making Holborn's Law programmes highly cost effective. Our track-record is remarkable. Flexibility, high pass rates and pioneering performance have been our hallmarks for 25 years. That's why we are the UK's top independent law school. If you wish to find out more, please send details of your qualifications to:

HOLBORN COLLEGE
The Registrar (Box 1) 200 Great Portland Street, London W1A 0DY.
Tel: 071-389 3377, Fax: 071-389 3377, Email: 206386

Advocating Success.

POSTS

OUNDLLE SCHOOL BURSAR

Following the appointment of Lt. Col. C.C.C. Cheshire O.B.E., as the Chief Executive of the National Rifle Association, The Governing Body of Oundle School seeks a suitably qualified person to replace him with effect from mid-March 1995.

The successful applicant for this post in one of the country's premier co-educational Boarding Schools will have sound financial and commercial skills and be a first class administrator. The remuneration package will take into account the age and experience of the appointee.

Suitably qualified candidates should apply in writing to The Secretary to the Governing Body of Oundle School C/o Grocers' Hall, Princes Street, London, EC2R 8AD enclosing curriculum vitae, a handwritten letter and the names of three referees.

Closing dates for applications is 24th October 1994. Selection will be made by Christmas.

READERS

smdc SUFFOLK MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

SUFFOLK TEC READERSHIP in STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT

with specific emphasis on SMEs

This is a unique opportunity to join the Suffolk Management Development Centre and to contribute to the development of research and consultancy within a predominantly rural business community.

Applicants should be sympathetic to working a large mixed economy College in a County without a designated HEI. They should recognise the innovative and pioneering nature of the role in helping to build a research culture within what is predominantly a teaching institution.

The person appointed will participate in the selection of a permanent Research Fellow to help support research and consultancy and to carry out funded projects on behalf of the Suffolk Training and Enterprise Council.

Salary Scale:
£27,438 to £29,835

Further details and application form from:
Personnel Section, Suffolk College,
Rope Walk, Ipswich, IP4 1LT.
Tel: (0473) 296336 (direct line) or
255885 ext.6336
Closing date: 28 October 1994.



Working together



SMDC is part of
Suffolk College

COURSES

ABBEY TUTORIAL COLLEGE

Sixth Form Scholarships 1995

Applications are invited for entrance in September 1995. Abbey has consistently achieved outstanding results at A level where 27 subjects are offered within a broad but balanced curriculum.

We provide a high standard of general education while maintaining emphasis on academic excellence.

If you would like to discuss the options further, receive our prospectus or arrange to visit us, please telephone:

ABBEY BIRMINGHAM 021 236 7474 ABBEY MANCHESTER 061 839 7332

The collage consists of four black and white photographs. The top-left photo shows a close-up of a ballot with the name 'HARRIS' clearly visible, and 'CARTER' partially visible below it. The top-right photo shows a sign with 'Harris' in a large, stylized font, with 'CARTER' and 'HARRIS' in smaller text below it. The bottom-left photo shows another ballot, similar to the first one, with 'HARRIS' and 'CARTER' visible. The bottom-right photo shows a sign with 'HARRIS' in a large, stylized font, with 'CARTER' and 'HARRIS' in smaller text below it.

Taking on love, loss and Jerry in France

Sean Bean had better watch out. In the Nubobur Kid School of Northern Heart Throbs, Liam Neeson is a hot contender for Top Nubobur, to judge by last night's double episode of Peter Ramsay's *Seaford* (BBC1).

In the run-up to transmission, this grand uncomprohensive had confused me. I'd said: Was Seaford a man, a place, or an exhortation? "Westward ho?" But now the matter is resolved: Seaford is an ugly town up North in wartime, with cinematic bomb sites, back-to-backs, factories and blackouts, and the series is the gripping love story of Bob (Neeson) and Paula (Lia Williams) told in nine episodic episodes. Tragic events, ruined lives—all well told, highly produced, beautifully directed, and subtly acted. It gives you a whole new attitude to the licence fee. Just think, we all helped to pay for *Seaford*—and we

didn't even know we were doing it. Oddly, *Seaford* is not based on a book—it is a story actually conceived for television. Bob and Paula are therefore new, first-hand entities: anything can happen to them. Knowing Lia Williams mainly from *Mr Wroe's Virgins*, in which she wept and recited the Lord's Prayer while Jonathan ("the prophet") Pryce gave her a dry, loveless tuppence (the result was a bloody miscarriage), I had hoped for a softer fate for her this time. But in *Seaford*, it's worse. The virginal Paula was similarly pinned down without preamble (in an Anderson shelter, by Bob), but in the context of everything else going on, it was less of a big deal. In the first episode, Paula loved, lost, survived a bomb, aborted a baby with a knitting needle (more blood and towels), and married a man she didn't love. Meanwhile Bob stole, cheated, lied, ran like the clappers, loved, lost, and was

nearby killed by his own sergeant during a highly dramatic skirmish with Jerry in France.

Bob is a believable creation, with a proper tragic flaw. Streetwise working-class, he is both scheming and reckless, a man who works hard for something and then chucks it away. Meanwhile Paula is witty and strong, but alas, a magnet for tragedy. Lia Williams shows such heartache in her face that the innocent girl she looked simply too old; now that Paula has been squeezed through the wringer, however, she's fine.

Channel 4's *For Love or Money* returned on Saturday, with presenter Nicholas Ward-Jackson demonstrating a useful lesson—that even well-bred people can get right in your face. While enthusiasm is the key to most specialist magazine programmes (on fishing, cars, cooking, *For Love or Money* is obliged



Lynne Truss

to be especially gung-ho, since it's simply about the bare-faced acquisition of expensive gear. "I can honestly say that no Windsor chair bore me," said a professor of furniture, pointing out the loveliness of the chair's essential form. Ward-Jackson surveyed a few specimens, and got down to the gritty-gritty. These ones, he guessed, would be worth "three or four". (At least he didn't add "K".)

Sometimes, visiting a gallery or country house, you hear people joke "That's the one I want"—as though looking and shopping are activities that can no longer be distinguished. Perhaps they can't. But it was a pleasant relief in last night's watchable *The Car's the Best* (BBC2) that despite all sorts of other information about the Austin Allegro (1973-1982, RIP, nobody mentioned the market price: "Classic Car Awaiting Recognition" said the sticker in an enthusiast's window, but it was meant as a joke).

Even its devotees know the Allegro was an unreliable motor and a design disaster, aerodynamically better suited to reverse than forward motion. True, it had a heated rear window as standard—but only so that pushing it was more comfortable.

The Car's the Best did the cake nicely by asking a psychologist to explain the Allegro's appeal to the

young. He said it was to do with self-esteem. A person who buys an Allegro makes an implicit statement: "I don't care what you think about my car."

Last year, the party conferences gave Rory Bremner one of his best-ever sketches: as the booming foot John Major, hammering home his double-edged rallying cry, "I'm still here." "They said it couldn't be done!" he said, gripping the lectern: "it wasn't. They said I wasn't up to the job. I'm not." On Saturday, Rory Bremner—Who Else? (Channel 4) featured Bremner's new Tony Blair, vocally sweet and almost whistling, eyes stretched wide as though mentally unhinged by a close encounter. Bremner had already done bits of the speech for Today on Friday morning (Radio 4), but it surprised repetition, especially the disingenuous circularity ("Tea. For two. Of course, of

course. But also two for tea"). The mistake of the Tories was that they didn't do what they said they'd do. We won't make that mistake. We will do what they said they'd do.

The other highlight was an interview with Bob Horton, by John Fortune and John Bird. "So I'll be in just over two years, you lost BF two and a half billion pounds?" "Well, I'm not very good at figures, but something of that order. I certainly made a difference, yes." Rory Bremner's show is virtually the last place on television for real satire, as opposed to that drowsy alternative, "inverence". Meanwhile Alan Partridge's *Knowing Me, Knowing You* (BBC2), whose most recent show was a dull squibish affair ("Five from Paris"), seems eerily to be courting the description "Monty Python's *The Meaning of Life*". Next week I want to eat those words off a plate with a knife and fork, Alan.

REVIEW



Robbie Coltrane and colleagues (ITV, 9.00pm)

Cracker, ITV, 9.00pm

Just when the Rachel Nickell case has raised doubts about psychological profiling, back comes Robbie Coltrane's bumpy shrink to help the police to solve their crimes. The first series of *Cracker* was much acclaimed and there is no disputing either the quality of Jimmy McGovern's writing or a narrative skill that sucks you into the story and never lets go. And yet there are reservations. One concerns the Coltrane character. A hero who drinks, gambles and maltrates his wife to this extent is becoming hard to take, despite the interview ranges over Rushdie's Indian background, his experiences at an English public school and his new novel. His answers are articulate and thoughtful.

Face to Face, BBC2, 11.15pm

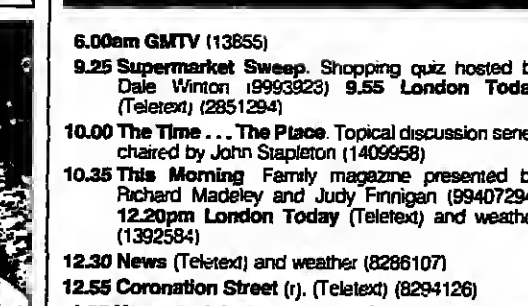
Much of Jeremy Isaacs's questioning of Salman Rushdie is inevitably about how far writers are justified in giving offence, with special reference to *The Satanic Verses*. If anything, and despite the Iranian death threat, Rushdie is less apologetic than ever. Indeed he mounts a sturdy defence of the writer's freedom to explore contentious areas and says the easiest way not to be offended by a book is to shut it. At the same time he does resent having spent five-and-a-half years under police protection and is surprised people are not more angry about it. Elsewhere, the interview ranges over Rushdie's Indian background, his experiences at an English public school and his new novel. His answers are articulate and thoughtful.

Another Country: Rwandan Stories, BBC2, 7.50pm

In a series of short films running through the week, novelists, poets and journalists offer a personal response to the Rwandan tragedy and try to make sense of it. Contributors include the Booker Prize winner Ben Okri, the foreign correspondent Mark Doyle, and the historian and poet David Dabydeen. Michèle Roberts launches the project by echoing the reaction of many to the dreadful images which television brings into our living rooms. There is the unbelievable scale of the conflict and the failure of television to explain it. There is the feeling of guilt for not wanting to watch the tragedy off as a disease of the Third World that would never happen here.

The Nick, Channel 4, 9.00pm

WPC Angie Wood does her promotion chances no harm as the cameras relay another varied selection of cases from Gipton police station in Leeds. Parolling one of the area's problem streets she spots a Ford Transit about to drive off with a wounded car. Almost before she can say the number plate, the sharp-eyed WPC Wood has checked the Transit out on her personal radar and made an arrest. Meanwhile, a young woman is taken to hospital bleeding from the neck and the drugs team mounts a dawn raid on a suspected cannabis dealer. Fly-on-the-wall films have always shown the police in the best light, but the Gipton officers emerge from Paul Brett's series as wholly dedicated and professional. Peter Waymark.



Hormone victim Paul Andrews (8.30pm)

World in Action: The Cure That Kills. For the past 30 years, 2,000 children have been injected with a human growth hormone to assist growth. However, 12 of them have died. The film looks at the human form of mad cow disease (8.55a).

9.00pm Cracker: To Be a Somebody. (Teletext) (s) (6213)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (47126) 10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (893213)

10.40pm The Good Sex Guide. Margi Clarke returns with a second series of the show which takes the mystique out of sex. (Teletext) (s) (270213)

11.10 The Equalizer (s) (183687)

12.10am The Little Picture Show (5943169)

1.10am Endeavour: Football Extra (5847546)

1.55am Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (8203324)

2.55am Sport AM (9412459)

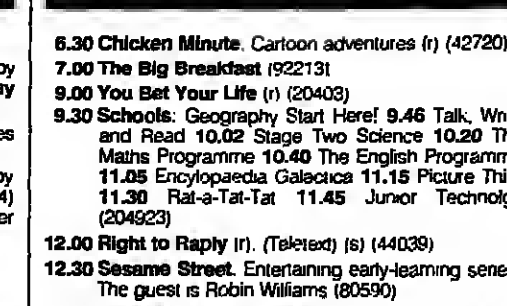
3.55am Beyond Reality (7476649)

4.20am Profile of Swing Out Sister (s) (2500617)

4.30am Videoanalysis (40091)

4.50am Hollywood Report (s) (142530)

5.30am ITN Morning News (95904) Ends at 5.50am



Cool teacher Mark Curry and friends (6.00pm)

6.00am GMTV (13855)

9.25am Supermarket Sweep. Shopping quiz hosted by Dale Winton (9953323) 9.55am London Today (Teletext) (2651254)

10.00 The Time... The Place. Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (1400698)

10.35 This Morning. Family magazine presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99407294) 12.20pm London Today (Teletext) and weather (1392584)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (8286107)

12.55 Coronation Street (s) (Teletext) (8294126)

1.25am Home and Away. Australian family drama series. (Teletext) (81459497)

1.55am Capital Woman introduced by Annela Rice (s) (72567823) 2.25am A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (5322316)

2.50am The Young Doctors (1838316)

3.20am ITN News headlines (Teletext) (8207045) 3.25am London Today (Teletext) (8206316)

3.30am Rainbow (s) (451855) 3.40am Tots TV (s) (7497233)

3.50am Taz-Mania (s) (s) (1097297) 4.00am Sooty and Co (s) (7754300) 4.25am Tots TV (s) (7497233)

4.50am Home and Away (s) (7497233) 5.00am Home and Away (s) (7497233)

5.10am After 5 (Teletext) (9086497)

5.40am ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (135652)

5.55am Your Shout. Viewers' soapbox (591300)

6.00am Home and Away (s) (7497233) 6.10am Home and Away (s) (7497233)

6.30am Coronation Street (Teletext) (8294126)

6.40am Wheel of Fortune. Game show hosted by Nicky Campbell and Carol Smilie (6749)



Cool teacher Mark Curry and friends (6.00pm)

6.00am Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series starring Mark Curry. (Teletext) (s) (855)

6.30am The Cosby Show (s) (Teletext) (107)

7.00am Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (738369)

7.50am Belfast. Lessons from students of Hazelwood College (290749)

8.00am Scrappers. The second in a series of six in which Ray Brooks and Rick Ball tour Britain meeting the people who have saved money by ingenious means. (Teletext) (3949)

8.30am Desmond's. Comedy series set in a barbershop in Peckham, south London. (Teletext) (s) (6128)

9.00am The Nick (Teletext) (s) (4655)

10.00am ITN Fly Away. Drama series set in the American Deep South at the time of the civil rights movement. Starring Sam Waterston. (Teletext) (s) (803811)

10.55am The American Football Big Match. Featuring Denver Broncos v Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs v San Diego Chargers and New York Jets v the Indianapolis Colts (s) (595039)

12.15am Transworld Sports (s) (783904)

1.15am Halfway to Paradise. Entertainment from Scotland. Among the guests are the Black Velvet Band, Lady Love and Sam Dees (791988)

2.15am FILM: Lady By Choice (1934, b/w) starring Carole Lombard and May Robson. Comedy about a fan dancer who returns home, she takes a bag lady under her wing for publicity stunt. Directed by David Burton (3344701). Ends at 3.35

6.00am Business Breakfast (75107)

7.00am BBC Breakfast News (34645497)

9.05am Kids' Kikry. Robert Kikry-Slik talks to young people who have had differing experiences of living in cars (s) (9940339) 9.30am A Word in Your Ear. Verbal communication game (s) (74768)

10.00am News (Teletext), regional news, and weather (1347836) 10.05am Baby Crazy. A documentary about parenthood as seen through the eyes of mothers of the 1940s and 1950s (1440749)

11.00am News (Teletext), regional news, and weather (1347836) 11.05am Cagney and Lacey (s) (Teletext) (9882223) 11.50am Holiday Outings. Sue Cook revisits Tenby (812223)

12.00am News (Teletext), regional news and weather (1347836) 12.05pm Pebble Mill. Easons with Sir Anthony Hopkins, Patricia Routledge and James Gavelly (s) (370213) 12.55am Regional News and weather (2637771)

1.00am News (Teletext) and weather (75590)

1.30am Neighbours. (Teletext) (s) (8992316) 1.50am Turnabout (s) (444854)

2.20am Knots Landing. Drama spin-off from Dallas (s) (702234) 3.05am The Big Bang. The use of Computer Generated Images (806361)

3.30am Cartoon Double Bill (4657039) 3.45am Monster Café. Music and comedy series (s) (4943294) 4.00am The All New Popeye Show (s) (5710403) 4.20am Mortimer and Arabel (s) (8573720) 4.35am Mighty Max (s) (936229)

5.00am Newsround (292555) 5.05am Blue Peter. (Teletext) (s) (9165958)

5.35am Neighbours (s) (Teletext) (s) (525126)

6.00am Six O'Clock News (Teletext) and weather (395)

6.30am Regional News Magazines (487)

7.00am Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz introduced by Noel Edmonds (s) (1861)

7.30am Watchdog. (Teletext) (s) (381)

8.00am EastEnders. (Teletext) (s) (4381)

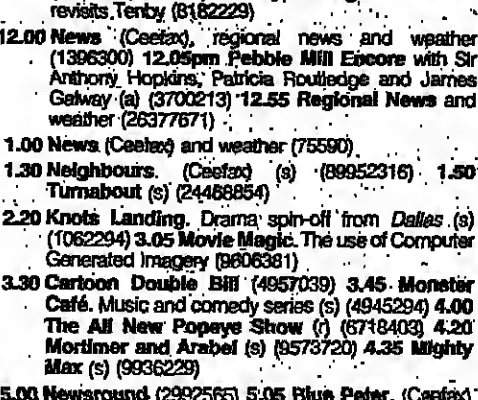
8.30am 2point4 Children. Domestic comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Teletext) (s) (6316)

9.00am Nine O'Clock News (Teletext), regional news and weather (1652)

9.30am Panorama. Peter Jay looks into 'job insecurity'. (Teletext) (288010)

10.10am Nice Day at the Office. The second of a six-part comedy series starring Timothy Spall, John Sessions and Anna Massey. (Teletext) (s) (35658)

10.40am Film: 94 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Picnic at Hanging Rock* and *War of the Buttons*. (Teletext) (s) (358045)

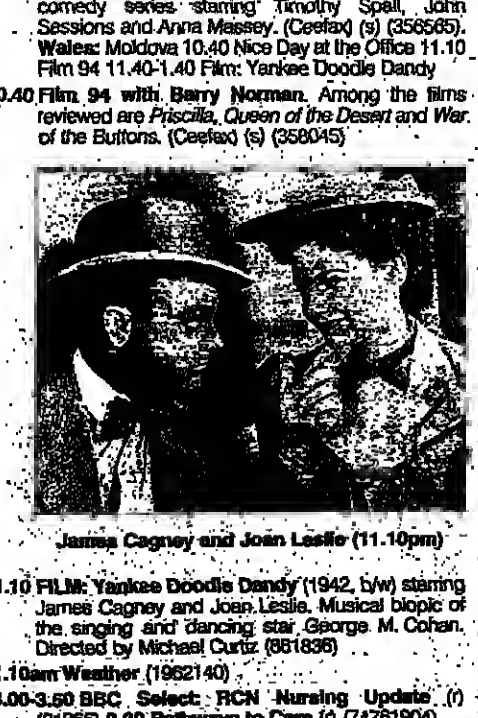


James Cagney and Joan Leslie (11.10pm)

11.10am FILM: Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942, b/w) starring James Cagney and Joan Leslie. Musical biopic of the singing and dancing star, George M. Cohan. Directed by Michael Curtiz (s) (81638)

1.10am Weather (192140)

3.00am BBC Select: RCH Nursing Update (s) (21565) 3.30am Pathways to Care (s) (74781904)



That man again: Salman Rushdie (11.15pm)

11.15am Face to Face: Salman Rushdie (s) (258854)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)



That man again: Salman Rushdie (11.15pm)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

11.55am Weather (192140) 12.00am-1.15am FILM: Betrayed (1994, b/w) starring Robert Mitchum and Kim Hunter. Taut drama about a newlywed whose husband is suspected of murdering a man from out of town. Directed by William Castle (4812053)

2.00am-4.00am BBC Select: Disability Agenda (82923695)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.50pm A Country Practice (9877771) 2.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 8.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 9.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 10.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 11.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 12.30pm The Young Doctors (9877771) 1.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 2.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 3.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 4.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 5.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 6.30am The Young Doctors (9877771) 7.3

BODY SHOP SET
FOR BIG RISE
IN INTERIM PROFITS

BUSINESS

MONDAY OCTOBER 10 1994

TIME AND TIDE 41

GRAHAM SEARJEANT
LOOKS AT THE
VALUE OF BRANDS

BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Surveys show recovery is slowing down

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A SPATE of business confidence surveys will today add to mounting evidence that Britain's economic recovery is slowing.

The studies, published on the eve of this week's Tory conference in Bournemouth, will provide ammunition for those questioning the half-point rise in interest rates ordered last month by the Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

A forecast by economists of the Ernst & Young Item club, out today, says base rates, currently at 5.75 per cent, will rise to "no more than 7 per cent" next year because the economy is already slowing.

A survey of the financial services industry, conducted by the Confederation of British Industry and accountants Coopers & Lybrand, found that although confidence strengthened in September for the eighth successive quarter, the rate of improvement was the lowest in two years.

Meanwhile, the quarterly "state of trade" survey from the Building Employers' Confederation, showed that in construction the recovery remains fragile and uneven.

Sir Brian Hill, the BEC chairman, said: "The rise in interest rates and stagnant, and in some areas... falling, house prices are linked to continuing fears about employment prospects."

This was damaging consumer confidence and preventing any "feel good" factor, even though office building had picked up "sharply" and a majority of firms expected to increase output over the coming 12 months.

A survey by the Reed employment agency shows that firms are responding to the upturn in demand by taking on temporary, rather than permanent staff.

And the Finance and Leasing Association reports that demand growth had started to

slacken in August, before the latest rate rise. With new car purchases stripped out, the rise, at 29 per cent, was down on previous months. David Hardisty, chairman of the FLA, said the Government had "put up rates when confidence was still too shaky".

Sudhir Junankar, the CBI's economic analyst, said there were increasing indications that the pace of recovery was slowing. "We are picking up some similar signs in terms of the growth of manufacturing," he said. "We have also seen the same trend in the growth of retail spending."

He said it was "a possibility" that the economy was moving back to a more sustainable rate of growth as the recovery reached maturity.

The financial services survey, conducted among 238 organisations accounting for more than half of all employment in the sector, showed big variations between markets. Building Societies said business conditions remained tough, and a weak upturn in housing market activity earlier in the year had fizzled out. Life insurers also reported falling levels of business.

Banks, however, are buoyant. Rising volumes of business are being accompanied by a rapid improvement in profitability. And despite the recent decline in the FT-SE 100 index and profit warnings from two leading merchant banks, securities traders reported good business and optimism about future prospects.

Mr Junankar said: "The survey shows clearly that financial services companies are now consolidating the advances... that have been seen over the past year."

The Item Club forecast says that although the UK economy will grow by over 3.5 per cent this year, this will slow to around 2.75 per cent in 1995 and to 2.5 per cent in 1996. Interest rates should rise but to no more than 7 per cent.

Paul Droop, the Item Club chief economist, said: "The current strong boost from export growth will peter out over the second half of 1994 as European markets expand modestly out of recession, while manufacturing investment will be restrained by companies' uncertainty over demand growth and their desire to further reduce indebtedness."

Economic outlook, page 40



Danger, falling prices: Sir Brian Hill believes job and interest rate fears are undermining the UK housing market.

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

INCOMES would need to have risen 3.1 per cent over the year to August to keep pace with inflation, a study published today by the Reward Group says.

Poorer families have faced steep increases in living costs, with an average 6.9 per cent rise in rents added to the 8.2 per cent rise in payments for fuel. Food prices have also risen an average 3.4 per cent, while tobacco has gone up an average of 7.2 per cent, Reward says.

However, stable interest rates have limited rises in

Poorer families suffer most from inflation

housing costs for mortgage payers, pegging the overall increase to 0.2 per cent.

Severe competition among manufacturers and retailers has caused a 1 per cent fall in the cost of durable household goods. Drink prices have risen just 1 per cent on average, and transport costs have gone up just 1.1 per cent. However, the cost of services has typically risen 2.4 per cent, the survey shows.

Big variations, from one region of the country to another, in the cost of living combine with a variations in salary levels and housing costs so that families' experience of inflation varies. House prices in Scotland rose 6 per cent on average, Reward says, pricing a typical three-bedroom semi-detached home at £56,825. In London, a comparable house went up 4.3 per cent to £104,025. But in Yorkshire and Humberside, the price of a typical family

home would have been virtually unchanged at £54,175.

Greater London remained the most expensive area of Britain in which to live. Thurso, in northern Scotland, was the cheapest.

The cost of living in London is typically 17.9 per cent above the national average, but the salary of a typical middle manager in the capital is 18.9 per cent higher than average.

In terms of quality of life, measured according to the difference between incomes and living costs, Scots enjoy the highest standards. Londoners come second, but those in the West Midlands are worst off.

Lottery to have extra prizes

By JON ASHWORTH

THE chances of winning a major prize in the National Lottery are to be significantly increased, with the announcement, expected today, of a whole new raft of prize levels.

In a move that will surprise observers, Camelot Group is understood to have added a special bonus number to the six numbers that will feature in the weekly National Lottery draw. Players who pick five numbers plus the bonus could win up to £100,000.

The move will fill a sizeable gap in the range of prizes offered and adds a welcome touch of spice in the run-up to the National Lottery launch.

Full details are expected to be disclosed today. Camelot is also expected to announce the date on which lottery tickets will go on sale.

Players will pay £1 a ticket for a punt on the National Lottery, which is to be launched in a glittering extravaganza on BBC television on November 19. Anyone who chooses three out of six numbers correctly will win £10. Four numbers could win £65, five might win £1,500, and six will hit the jackpot—anything between £2 million and £8 million depending on whether the top prize rolls over.

The new scenario is likely to

add a seventh "bonus" number, creating the new £100,000 prize level. Lotteries overseas often rely on bonus numbers to make draws more exciting and increase the odds of winning a substantial prize.

Prizes of more than £1,000 must be claimed from one of 11 National Lottery regional offices; details of which were unveiled last week. At least two large supermarket chains

have asked to pay out prizes of up to £500 in cash. Most of the small corner shops that will sell the bulk of tickets need only pay up to £75 in cash.

Some 10,000 shops, supermarkets, garages and post offices are being equipped to sell lottery tickets. Camelot will test its systems in a series of "play-days" for retailers at the end of this month and early in November.

Reporting ahead, page 40
Setting up shop, page 42

Oil traders keep wary eye on Gulf

By COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

OIL traders will be watching nervously for news from the Gulf when the markets open this morning after ending last week relatively relaxed, despite the surprise build-up of Iraqi troops on Kuwait's border.

The price of the benchmark Brent blend crude for November, delivery hit a peak of \$17.32 on London's International Petroleum Exchange on Friday afternoon, as first reports of the Iraqi moves were confirmed. However, it closed at \$16.70, down 7 cents on the day, as traders took profits before the weekend. The same pattern was seen later on the New York market.

Oil sector analysts said at the weekend that Iraq's defiance of the United Nations would help to underpin oil prices in the long term, because it was likely to delay the lifting of the ban on Iraqi oil exports.

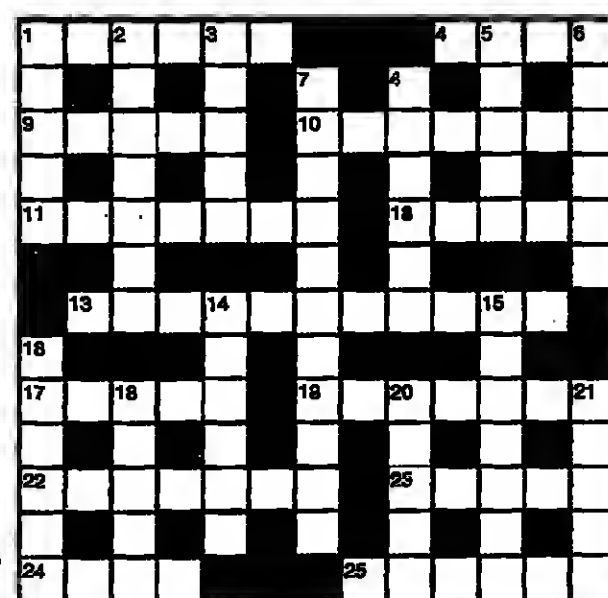
But the chances of serious disruption to world oil supplies is considered minimal, even though the experts re-

cognise that Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi president, is always capable of the unpredictable.

The early build up of western forces in support of Kuwait, in contrast to the slow response when Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, is also expected to calm the market's fears about any large fall in oil supplies that would propel prices sharply higher.

Hussein Shamma, assistant managing director of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation Executive, said yesterday that his country's oil supplies were proceeding normally. Kuwait is now back to producing 2 million barrels of oil a day after the Gulf War disruption.

Some analysts believe that Iraq still has the capability to fire missiles into Kuwait and that a successful strike against key oil installations would cause immediate alarm in the market. Other producers, led by Saudi Arabia, could, however, quickly fill any shortfall in supplies.

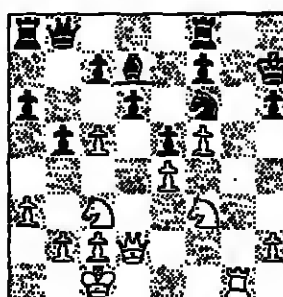


RECENT TITLES FROM TIMES BOOKS (Reduced postage until Dec 31)
The Times Guides: International Finance £9.49, Japan £9.49, the Middle East £9.49, the Nations of the World NEW £9.49, the Peoples of Europe £16.49, Good University Guide 1994-5 £9.49, English Style and Usage £8.49, The Times Illustrated World History £13.49, The Times Maps: The World (Wall Map) Political or Physical 5' x 32" £14.49 each (folded Political 4' x 26" £5.49), Ireland (22" x 29") £3.49, British Isles NEW (29" x 31") £5.49, The Times Night Sky 1994 & NEW 1995 £4 each. Prices include P&P (UK) Cheques payable to Adam Ltd, 51 Manor Lane, London SE13 5QW. Return delivery. Tel 081-852 4575 (4 lines) No credit cards.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Hartston-Richardson, Westergate 1983. White has sacrificed a rook to open lines against the black king. How did he conclude his attack?



Solution, page 39

Raymond Keene, page 5

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 288

ACROSS

- 1 Illusion of the past repeating (4,2)
- 4 One's is another's gain (4)
- 9 Heavens (5)
- 10 Obtainable (of book) (2,5)
- 11 Native of Greece (7)
- 12 One sure to fail/die (5)
- 13 Informal, relaxed (4,3,4)
- 17 Panic type of clock (5)
- 19 Effective (7)
- 22 First Russian spacecraft (7)
- 23 Enrich oneself (3,2)
- 24 Stupefied, shocked state (4)
- 25 Academic qualification (6)

DOWN

- 1 Profundity (5)
- 2 Vein, gone for by the ruthless (7)
- 3 Location of meeting (5)
- 5 Mythical hunter constellation (5)
- 6 Entertainment poking fun (6)
- 7 Mutual compromise (4,3,4)
- 8 Maximum distance of Moon (6)
- 14 Edgar's treacherous brother (Lear) (6)
- 15 Dirty laugh (7)
- 16 Failed to bid (6)
- 18 As if (of busy bee) (5)
- 20 Masonic group (5)
- 21 Artistic category (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 287

ACROSS: 1 Buff 4 Schnapps 8 Misnomer 9 Sink 10 Cynic 11 Plunage 13 Threat 15 Raft 18 Crippen 20 Meaty 23 Fifi 24 Apertif 25 Freeze-up 26 Eddy

DOWN: 2 Unhy 3 Fanzine 4 Sump 5 Heraldry 6 Assam 7 Pink gin 10 Cal 12 Stearage 14 Harrier 16 The like 17 Cay 19 Pulse 21 Triad 22 Keep

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

KELLY

- a. To snooker
- b. A betting-system
- c. To remove topsoil

KRENG

- a. An edible seaweed
- b. The carcass of a whale
- c. Unsatisfactory

KREPLACH

- a. A small dough dumpling
- b. An Armenian soothsayer
- c. Porous footwear

CHAMPERTY

- a. Bogus Bubbly
- b. An illegal bargain
- c. Medieval pasturage

Answers on page 39

EC ponders Bull subsidy conditions

By OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

The European Commission will this week decide in principle what conditions it will attach to a £11 billion capital injection into Bull, France's loss-making state-controlled computer group.

The French government has declared its intention to sell its 88 per cent stake in Bull, along with the state-owned France Télécom, at some time. But reports circulating in Paris at the weekend said that Karel van Miert, the European competition commissioner, will demand Bull is privatised before the end of next year as a condition of the capital injection.

The Commission's approval of further state support for Air France, the troubled national carrier, has provoked the British Government and a number of European airlines, including British Airways, to open legal action against Brussels' subsidy decision.

Any serious setbacks over aid for Bull would create fresh difficulties for Edouard Balladur, France's Prime Minister, whose privatisation timetable already faces difficulties over huge losses at a number of state companies, and allied political scandals. Mr van Miert is said to be in favour of the capital injection for Bull, but could demand capacity cuts as a condition. Other commissioners are understood to want conditions to be tough.



Vive la différence